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Treasury ponders shrinking State

US-style cuts in welfare under review

By Philip Webster. Political editor

RADICAL proposals for privatising the welfare state and slashing spending on education are being examined by the Treasury as possible ways of cutting the size of the State in the next century.

ldeas imported from the Republicans in America and long favoured by Conservative rightwingers - include reducing benefits for teenage mothers, time-limiting benefits and extending private insurance to cover pensions. sickness and unemployment

The Government is also considering reducing state support for the education of children over 16 and privatising the road system, according to a far-reaching document called Strategic Considerations for the Treasury 2000 to 2005, which has been obtained by The Times.
The document, in which officials consider a so-called lines of Newt Gingrich's Contract with America, says that the rising demand for education beyond GCSE is unaffordable and "private returns to individuals and their em-

ployers exceed social returns". The existing system could be replaced by a mixture of vouchers for sixth formers, extended loans for students and contributions from employers.

The paper also reveals that

the Government is still actively considering going beyond existing experiments in privatising the roads, so that they are treated "as a utility rather than a public service", with the role of central and local government limited.

Considering proposals which "go beyond the Republican agenda", the document says that the idea of privatising contributory benefits covering insurable risks. such as retirement, incapacity and unemployment was

"gaining support". It refers to schemes in Germany allowing people to contract out of sickness benefits, in Chile where there is private insurance for all pension provision and in Singa-



The document's cover: A look into the future

pore where there are compulsory savings towards a range of welfare provisions.

The document, examining how the Treasury might respond to different policy demands over the next five to ten years, was written early this year by a group of senior officials reporting to Sir Terence Burns, the Permanent

Secretary.
As well as looking at how the Treasury might be affected if a future government demanded a smaller State, it also carried out a detailed study of how to manage public spending if there were no radical changes in the State's responsibilities.

Although the paper makes plain that it is not considering explicitly how a future Labour government might tackle the tasks of the new millennium, it does examine policy options that have more in common

with Labour's approach. But the disclosure that the Treasury had considered the Republican agenda provoked fury from Labour last night. Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor who will raise the report in today's Commons debate on the economy, said: This plan would amount to nothing more than the demoli-

tion of Britain's welfare state. The Chancellor must explain why, behind closed doors without being honest about their intentions, the Treasury have been considering extreme right-wing American ideas for the wholesale privatisation of the welfare state and its replacement by private insurance, even for the

basic state provision. This insight into Tory fifth-term thinking is not just a lurch, but a stampede to the Right." The document confirms pre-

dictions that Britain will slip from the "first division" of world economies in the next 20 years. It predicts that it will have been overtaken by India, Brazil, Indonesia and Thailand by 2015, with Mexico and South Korea close behind and even suggests that at some point ministers will have to decide whether national economic interests are best served by "hitching itself" so closely European Union markets that it jeopardises its prospects with the "tiger" economies of

the Far East. Mr Brown said last night that the report showed that the Government was prepared to see Britain fall behind Thailand and Brazil because of their policies without being prepared to tackle the causes of decline but simply to man-

The officials go on to describe the advent of a single European currency is the biggest challenge facing the Treasury, and say that early British entry would be the best option for the City. But the paper adds: "City interests are unlikely to drive this policy", and concludes that there is less than a 50 per cent chance of Britain joining in 1999 ---

whoever is in power. The leak of the report will embarrass the Government. But the authors will also have red faces over its disclosure that they seem less than happy about the drive towards open government. They make plain that they fully expect soon to be required to publish not only their economic conclusions but the advice on which they are based. "We would not be able to rewrite or edit papers

or fillet files as now," they Mr Brown said that the revelation that the Treasury had "filleted" files would out-



Charities fear drop in support after Princess resigns as patron

Oxford given £20m

by Arab magnate

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

By Emma Wilkins

THE Princess of Wates left nearly 100 British and Commonwealth charities shocked and disappointed yesterday when she resigned as their

In the first move towards her new life as a semidetached member of the Royal Family, the Princess has cut her workload to just six charities of her own choice. The 93 rejected charities were informed of the Princess's decision in a typed letter from Kensington Palace dated July 15 - the day the first stage of the royal divorce proceedings were concluded.
The Princess, who personal-

ly addressed and signed each letter, wrote: "It has been a great privilege for me to serve as your patron and it has always been my wish that I should do so wholeheartedly rage fair-minded people. and to the best of my ability. Therefore it is with great sadness that I write to you in

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order to explain matters which have now become apparent. "As you know, my personal circumstances, in particular my marriage to The Prince of Wales, have been the subject of detailed conjecture in recent months, and this will soon be

formalised in the normal legal "Although I am embarking upon the future with hope, also do so with some trenidation since there are a number



A MYSTERIOUS Middle-

Eastern businessman, whose

racehorses have won two of

this year's classics, yesterday

announced a £20 million gift

to Oxford University to found

Wafic Said, a financier and

construction magnate, is a

friend of Baroness Thatcher

and the Saudi royal family.

He helped British Aerospace

clinch a £20 billion arms

contract with Saudi Arabia,

although he insists that he has

never been an arms dealer

In an unusual step, Dr Peter

North, the university Vice-Chancellor, wrote to all dons

yesterday, telling them of the

scheme. The donation has

been approved by Oxford's

ethics committee, but Mr

Said's business background is

likely to attract criticism in the

and took no commission.

a new business school.

to resolve. It is for this reason that I am writing in order to resign my current role as patron with you. As I seek to reorganise my life, it will not be possible for me to provide you with the level of commitment that I believe you deserve. I feel that someone else in the Royal Family may now be better suited to support your tremendous endeavours.

"I want to express my heartfelt thanks for the many opportunities that you have provided me with for serving the people of this country. I will always retain a keen interest in everything that you do and trust that we shall have reason for our paths to cross in

the not too distant future." Her resignation has left at least one charity fearing that a new £2.5 million appeal for a residential home for blind children could be in jeopardy. Details will be announced in the autumn of the Princess's expanded role with the

nouncement minimised any

immediate risk of opposition.
The university is almost half

way to raising another £20

million to staff the school,

which will occupy land pres-

Mr Said never completed a

degree, although his father

founded Syria's first univer-

sity in Damascus. But his son

Khaled has just graduated from Oxford after studying

law at Balliol College.
The school, which will cater

eventually for 500 students.

aims to compete with the top

American and European insti-

tutions and will, subject to

planning permission, open in the 1998-99 academic year.

Lord Nuffield's £3 million

gift to establish medical sci-

ences in the 1930s, worth

about £77 million at today's

prices, is considered Oxford's

most valuable denation in

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modern times.

ently used as playing fields.

the National Aids Trust, the Leprosy Mission which has links with Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and the English National Ballet. She also remain president of the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children and the Royal Marsden Hospital, which specialises in cancer research

Charities count cost, page 5 | liked Title II | Letters, page 17 | altogether."

and treatment.

Clinton bows to protests on Cuba trading

FROM TOM RHODES

PRESIDENT Clinton bowed to pressure from Britain and Europe last night and reached a highly political compromise over controversial American sanctions against Fidel Cas-

tro's regime in Cuba. After two days of intense debate with his political and foreign policy advisers. Mr Clinton announced a decision that the White House hopes will avoid a trade war with allies but still court the important Cuban-American vote for November's presidential

election. Although the President agreed to the most contentious part of sanctions legislation against Cuba, allowing any American whose property was confiscated after the Cuban Revolution in 1959 to sue foreign companies using their asset, he delayed any lawsuits

for up to six months. The ruling prevents immediate retaliation by the Euro-pean Union or British Government, which had started planning action against American companies yesterday amid a growing transatlantic dispute. The tain quarters as a climbdown by the Administration in the face of intense international

pressure.

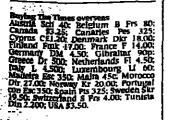
Mr Clinton signed the Republican sponsored Helms-Burton Bill in March, after the Cuban air force shot down two U S civilian aircraft.

Under the terms of the Bill, he had been given until mid-night last night to decide on Title III, the provision which would allow American citizens and corporations to take legal proceedings against foreign companies in Cuba.

One British diplomat said: We are pleased with the delay on lawsuits but would have liked Title III to have vanished

Beef deal doubts

The safety of British beef byproducts was thrown into question again when the European Commission reported scientific doubts about the conditions under which Britain is to be allowed to esume exports after a hardtought agreement last month. Franz Fischler, the Agriculture Commissioner, said that



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MPs approve sale of forces' homes

By JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER

MICHAEL PORTILLO yesterday averted a Tory backbench rebellion over the planned sale of the armed forces' married quarters by offering MPs a range of concessions.

The Commons victory came despite the publication yesterday of a report by the Tory-dominated Defence select committee criticising the Defence Secretary for the way the sale has been handled.

MPs voted by 307 to 275 against a Labour motion calling for the sale to be delayed for further consultation. Ministers hope to raise up to £2 billion by selling and then renting back some 58,000 army homes to one large corporate developer. Final bids must be in by the end of July and the sale is expected to go ahead in mid-August.

The move prompted widespread opposition from Tory MPs and the armed forces who feared it would harm morale by breaking up "patch-es" where service famililes live and provide support for each other. Mr Portillo told MPs he had taken on board these fears

☐ Service families would be consulted if a developer wanted to move them from one site to another. Although the families could not veto the move, the Government would take their views into account before deciding if the developer had met very strict criteria for the move. This has been one of the main concerns of service

and announced three conces-

families. ☐ The Government would ensure that schools were near to the new site and also of good quality.

Developers would have to give four years notice, instead of the original two, if they wanted to redevelop a site. after 25 years. This would give the Ministry of Defence more time to find new homes.

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Shares dive after selling on Wall St

By JANET BUSH

LONDON shares registered their biggest drop for more than two years yesterday as a selling contagion swept over the Atlantic from Wall Street. The FT-SE 100 index closed 66 lower at 3,632.3, after Wall

Street slumped by 161 points on Monday. New York investors were running scared after brokers said that shares that have enjoyed a record-breaking run this year were now overvalued. They were also worried

Wall Street seemed to Industrial Average was down

another 90 points. In London, there was con-

about possible American interest rate rises. stabilise briefly yesterday, but by lunchtime the Dow Jones

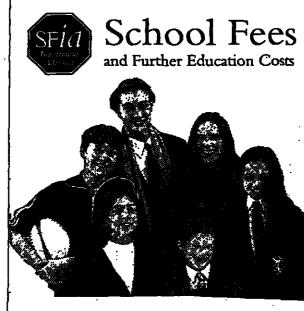
cern about figures showing rowed £3.6 billion more than it received in taxes last month.

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If you want the answer to an easy question, don't ask a Labour MP

POLITICAL SKETCH

MATTHEW PARRIS

arry Barnes (Lab. Derbyshire NE) has just stumbled upon an important truth. It came in an envelope addressed to him minister in the Department of

Trade and Industry ... "Dear Colleague, I should be most grateful if you could spare the time to attend a brief discussion with DTI Ministers at 2.15 on Wednesday. July 17. Your contribution to DTI Question Time at 2.30 is much appreciated, and this will be an opportunity to changes are, as far as possible, beneficial to all concerned. The meeting will be held in the Large Ministerial Conference Room. I look forward to seeing you there. Yours ever,

Simon Coombs." It was immediately clear to the sharp-clawed Mr Barnes what was going on. Coombs had read the order paper and noted the Tories lined up to question ministers. Now he was trying to bully them into asking questions that ministers wanted to answer, isters still had shame. The

for a Tory.

Mr Barnes tells me he plans to attend. He told Madam Speaker yesterday about the invitation

MPs on both sides roared with laughter. Ministers have always made furtive attempts to "plant" patsy questions on poodling backbench colleagues, but what surprised and amused us was to see this being done so methodically. When your sketchwriter was a Tory backbencher, minnever contact you. Instead, his parliamentary private secretary would just happen to join the queue for toast in the

for a question to my boss

about widget production. Any

Members' tearoom. After exports. It's killing a factory in some polite chat about the weather, he would say: "Oh, by the way, I see you're in line

special concerns you might be raising? He likes to do his homework, you know. 'Yes," one would reply.

my constituency."

"Ah," he would say, followed by a long pause. Tricky. You may not know that my boss is fighting very

ing, behind the scenes. Now, if you asked him for a climbdown now — well, he couldn't. Counterproductive. you see - harden things up just when we're trying to

"Hmm." "But if you could ask him for the good news on widgets — well, an optimistic note would make his life - and yours -

"But I don't feel optimistic." "Come and have a drink with him after the 7pm vote

tonight, and tell him so privately. He'd appreciate that. He really does rate you, you know. Was saying so only this morning. That Parris is a good man to have on side," he told me. Shamefully over-looked ..."

One was left feeling like a complete heel unless one cooperated. Now, it seems, it's done in a more military style. Either way, it never works. Scripted exchanges sound like scripted exchanges. At Prime Minister's Questions yester-day (just before Harry Barnes

needling question from Tony Blair, had blasted the Labour front bench out of the water, to cheers from behind him. A moment later David Amess (C, Basildon)tried a poodling question ('new phoney Lab-our: new real danger') and elicited the limpest of replies

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from Mr Major. DTI ministers would be wise to eject Barnes from their meeting. He gives ministers a better chance to shine by staying where he is: outside. throwing rocks.

Bitter exchanges at Stormont replace violence on streets

By Nicholas Watt, Chief Ireland Correspondent

UP TO 500 troops were withdrawn from Northern Ireland yesterday in a clear signal from the RUC and the Army that they believe the security crisis has abated.

But as soldiers from the 1st Battalion of the Parachute Regiment flew home last night, the political fall-out from last week's violence worsened as politicians traded recriminations at the multiparty talks at Stormont.

The SDLP and the Alliance Party called on George Mitchell, chairman of the talks, to review the Ulster Unionists participation after the party allegedly stoked up last week's

John Major pleaded with loyalist terrorists to back away from a tit-for-tat campaign of violence in response to the bomb that virtually destroyed a hotel in Enniskillen. He reacted to Unionist threats of increased violence by saying that the weekend bombing must not "relaunch the cycle of violence" in Northern Ireland and he praised loyalists for their past restraint.

Mr Major said: "I particularly welcome the restraint that has continually been

for the rebuilding

bomb last month.

Manchester city centre which

was destroyed by an IRA

The City Centre Task Force,

set up with European and government funding. will

announce details of the Inter-

national Design Competition

at Manchester Town Hall.

The Task Force, a partnership

of business, council and gov-

ernment representatives is

offering a £50,000 prize to the

Richard Leese, Labour

leader of the city council. said

Manchester had been horri-

fically damaged by the bomb.

"We have an opportunity to

replan a city centre, the first

time such an opportunity has

existed since after the war in

competition winner.

shown by the loyalist groups and I hope very much they will continue to show that restraint in the future."

John Hume, the leader of the SDLP, will hold talks with Mr Major in Downing Street this afternoon. The MP for Foyle will be joined by his three parliamentary col-leagues for his first meeting with the Prime Minister since last week's stand-off at

David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader, proposed that Mr Major should hold a joint meeting with the leaders of the four main constitutional parties in Northern Ireland. This would include Mr Trimble. Mr Hume, the Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionists and John Alderdice. the Alliance leader.

Seamus Mallon, deputy leader of the SDLP, said Mr Trimble had flouted the Mitchell principles of nonviolence by supporting the loyalist protest at Drumcree. Mr Mallon also highlighted a meeting Mr Trimble held at Drumcree at the height of the crisis with Billy Wright, a former Ulster Volunteer Force

Manchester seeks redesign plans 'ARCHITECTS are being this country." The redesign invited today to submit plans should allow the medieval

> grated, he said. It would also create more pedestrian-only spaces and reintroduce the River Irwell into city life. More than 100.000 square feet of retail and office space was devastated by the bomb on June 15. The competition

> district and the northern part

of the city, cut off by the

Arndale Centre, to be reinte-

winner will be announced in November. ☐ Police teams stripped the interior of two south London houses used by a suspected IRA active service unit vesterday as seven men continued to be questioned by antiterrorist branch detectives. Detectives are also hunting

kilograms of Semtex.

paramilitaries in the Mid-Ulster area.

John Alderdice, the Alliance Trimble. He said: "Anyone who looked at the television pictures of the last week can only have seen force and the threat of the use of force and can only have seen the leader of the Ulster Unionist Party

leading the charge."

Mr Trimble, whose Upper Bann constituency includes Drumcree, vehemently rejected the allegations: "We are opposed to the use of force and have called on people to main tain their ceaselire. We followed up those words with practical action on the streets at considerable inconvenience to ourselves to try to maintain

It is understood that Mr Trimble's comments referred to a meeting he had with Mr Wright last Wednesday at Drumcree. A senior Ulster Unionist source said that Mr Trimble called on Mr Wright to use his influence to maintain the loyalist ceasefire and to ensure that a bulldozer, which had been driven to Drumcree by loyalists, was not used to break through

A sign of hope came as Sir Patrick Mayhew and Dick Ireland's Deputy Prime Minister, tried to mend fences in a half-hour meeting. Sir Patrick reacted furiously last week when the Irish Government criticised the RUC for allowing Orangemen to march along the nationalist Garvaghy Road in Portadown to defuse the five-day stand-

A senior Irish source said that last night's talks, which will be followed up by a full Anglo-Irish Conference in London tomorrow, were friendly. The source said: They want to put this back on the rails because the alternative is horrendous."

Half of the 1.000 troops flown in last week will remain in Northern Ireland, underlining the RUC's lear that there is still a threat of terrorism. The move leaves 18,000 troops in Northern Ireland, including the 1st Battalion of the Prin-Wales's Royal cess of Regiment.

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Wafic Said, who put aside his cherished privacy to announce the £20 million gift

Affection for Britain lures financier into limelight

BY BILL FROST

FABULOUS wealth and the discretion demanded by a network of the world's most influential contacts have fostered Wafic Said's passion for privacy.
The Syrian-born financier

normally shuns the limelight. So he must have surprised even himself by agreeing to appear at yesterday's press conference to announce his £20 million gift to Oxford Uni-

His world of discreet nods and whispered confidences eschews intrusion. Too many deals could be put in jeopardy. too many reputations risked. Mr Said, now a Saudi citizen, is becoming the most publicity-shy tycoon since Howard Hughes. He employs Sir Tim Bell, the doyen of British public relations, to keep his

name out of the media. After a particularly glowing profile in one national newspaper, the journalist responsible was told by Mr Said's mother that the subject of the hagiography was displeased.
"Whether you write good or bad things about him, he

despises it all," she said. He first came to prominence in 1992 during a Commons Select Committee hearing on the "Iraqi Supergun" affair when he was said to be the British Aerospace agent in Saudi Arabia who had helped secure "the weapons sale of the century" for this country. The £20 billion Al Yama-

mah deal, signed by Baroness Thatcher while Prime Minister, was alleged to have given her son Mark a "slice of the action". Mr Said himself was to say later that he had "never even sold a penknife". How-

Thatchers and their fondness Mr Said was born rich and studied in Beirut before coming to London in 1959 to take up a place at the Institute of Bankers. At a coffee shop in Bayswater he was to make friends with two Saudi princelings - Bandar and Khalid, sons of Prince Sultan, a broth-

ever, there is no question

about his friendship with the

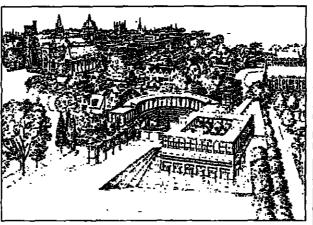
Said close to Prince Sultan and guarantee his place on the

er of King Fahd and soon to

world's financial stage. His son drowned when he came to the defence minister's home to be sworn in as a Saudi Arabian citizen in 1981.

By ancient tradition, the Saudi royal family was then bound to the bereaved father. The tragedy came at a time when they were major spenders in the world defence market. The relationship was to be Mr Said's passport to financial backing that only petrodollars can give. It opened the door to the West's political leaders too.

Married 25 years ago to Rosemary, a Briton, Mr Said has developed an ardent passion for British traditions and sportsmanship. Although now based in Monaco with homes in Paris, Marbella and Riyadh, he is said to have fallen in love with England.



An artist's impression of the Oxford Business School

NEWS IN BRIEF

One in three CSA judgments is wrong

Absent fathers owe £900 million to the mothers caring for their children, most of which will never be recovered according to the official auditor's report on the Child Support Agency. One in three of its maintenance assessments is wrong by as much as £30 a week.

Sir John Bourn, the Comptroller and Auditor-General, accepts that the agency is improving: last year every second assessment was wrong. Errors included the use of insufficient or out-of-date information, arithmetical mistakes, the use of incorrect mortgage rates or making too much allowance for self-employed fathers' expenses.

For the second year running Sir John has refused to accept that the accounts of the agency are accurate. He said there was insufficient information to determine the financial impact of incorrect maintenance assessments.

Gun lobby seeks funds

The gun lobby in Britain is urging gun clubs and shooters to give financial support for a drive to counter mounting public pressure for a ban on the private ownership of handguns and to pay for legal representation at the Dunblane inquiry. A spokesman for the British Shooting Sports Council declined to say how much cash had been raised so far. He denied a suggestion from the anti-gun lobby that the campaign required £500.000.

Tube talks continue

Rail union officials and executives from London Underground were locked in talks at the conciliation service Acas last night in a final attempt to avert tomorrow's Tube strike. The one-day walkout by drivers from the Aslef and Rail. Maritime and Transport unions is expected to bring virtually all Underground services to a halt from midnight tonight. The unions are in dispute over a promised one bour cut in the working week.

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Scots get a say on stone

Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, is to give the public a say on where the Stone of Scone will be housed when it returns to Scotland. Submissions will be accepted until August 16. The Government yesterday released a secret file it claims authenticates the stone, based on X-rays made in the 1970s. There was speculation that a fake may have been returned to London after the stone's theft from Westmin-

Castle attacks Labour

Baroness Castle of Blackburn launched a pamphlet attacking Labour's pensions policy yesterday. The former Labour Social Services Minister, now 85, challenged the party leadership to reverse a policy U-turn and keep basic state pensions rising in line with earnings. The party recently hinted that state pensions should rise only with inflation, a much lower increase. She criticised its ruling body, the National Executive Committee, as being "supine".

Poacher sparks alert

A security review has been ordered at the official Dublin residence of the Irish President Mary Robinson after she discovered a poacher in the grounds. President Robinson and her husband Nicholas spotted the 18-year-old intruder fishing in a pond at Aras an Uachtarain in Phoenix Park while on a stroll. She personally escorted him off the premises. Three weeks ago another man got over the perimeter fence and was found in the grounds.

Sailor electrocuted

A British sailor was killed when his yacht clipped electricity lines in the Philippines, sending 62,000 volts through his body. A verdict of accidental dath was recorded on Graham Aspery. 35, of Hayling Island, Hampshire, at an inquest in Portsmouth. The yacht was blown apart as the current passed down the mast but only two small burns were visible on Mr Aspery: on his right hand where the power entered his body and on his left foot where it left.

New Radio 4 controller

James Boyle, the head of Radio Scotland, has been appointed the controller of Radio 4. He will take up the post in early autumn when Michael Green steps down. Mr Boyle joined the BBC in 1975 and became head of Radio Scotland in 1992. He said: "I know the passion Radio 4 inspires in its audience and programme makers and I will listen to their concerns in working to maintain the intelligence and interest that pervade its programmes."

Bottomley sidelined in Tories' summer campaign

in a forthcoming offensive

VIRGINIA BOTTOMLEY and Douglas Hogg have been sidelined by the Tory high command in Cabinet infighting over who should lead a summer campaign against Labour, Brian Mawlinney, the party chairman who advocated their dismissal in a reshuffle, has succeeded in limiting their media appearances Mrs Bottomley, the Heritage Sec-

given shared responsibility for the regions with Roger Freeman, out of the national spotlight. Mr Hogg will not feature at all. Hard-hitting ministers of state, such as Ann Widdecombe, will have higher

Agreement on a series of Central Office committees to spearhead the fightback was expected at last week's political Cabinet meeting, which rubber-stamped the "New Labour, new danger" campaign. But the process was delayed by a failure before the Cabinet meeting to agree on which ministers should serve on

which committees. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, will chair a committee to examine Lahour's economic proposts. Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, will cover the constitution. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, will lead on law and order. Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, will chair a committee to expose splits in the Labour Party. Ann Widdecombe, the Home Office minister, will act as his

deputy.

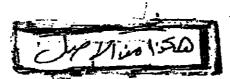
One of Mr Portillo's supporters said last night: "Membership has not heen finalised. He has to tread carefully. His remit extends into other ministers' responsibilities. Michael Heseltine, the Deputy

Prime Minister, will also play a key role in the summer campaign. A senior Central Office aide said: "We view the regions as a very important dimension of our presentation over the coming months. It will

skills." The Heritage Secretary does not share the opinion. She believes she has been deliberately shunted into the sidings by Dr Mawhinney, the party chairman. One party source said: "She is absolutely furi-ous at being left out. They are trying

to keep her off the television." Yesterday Dr Mawhinney unveiled a poster bearing the slogan "Labour's Union Jack" over a white flag, with the message: "New Labour. No Britain."





Carman: 'Are you a truthful man?' Botham: 'We're not all saints. I once broke a window'

Botham ducks QC's bouncers in court attack

By Joanna Bale and Tim Jones

IAN BOTHAM underwent an hour of searching cross-questioning by George Carman. QC, the leading libel lawyer, in the High Court yesterday as he was challenged over whether he told the truth.

On the second day of his libel action against Imran Khan, the former England cricket captain stood defensively in the dock with his arms crossed as Mr Carman, representing Imran, launched his attack, Botnam, who had former colleague, Allan Lamb, is suing the former Pakistan captain for libel, was asked by Mr Carman: "Are you a truthful man?"

Botham: "Yes sir, I'd like to think so." Mr Carman: "Always?"

Botham: "As often as you can be. We are not all saints. I once broke a window at school - we all do something wrong.'

Earlier Botham had glared at Imran as the two clashed over Imran's review of his autobiography, in which he Botham's wife, Kathy. In the exchange, which occurred as Botham stood in the witness box only yards from where Imran was sitting with his wife, Jemima - the first occasion on which the two men had acknowledged each other's presence during the hearing - Botham told him his marriage was very successful.

Botham is suing Imran for libel over an article in The Sun in which he said that illegal ball tampering was common among fast bowlers.

Botham and Lamb are also suing the former Pakistan ptain over an article in India Today magazine in which Imran allegedly ac-cused them of racism, of being uneducated and of lacking class and upbringing.

Mr Carman asked Botham why he did not pursue libel actions against two Sunday newspapers which alleged that he had taken drugs and indulged in extra-marital sex during cricket tours of New

Zealand and the West Indies. Botham said that he had not wanted to "risk everything" he had worked for by taking on Sunday newspapers with huge resources. Botham said he was well aware of an article in the News Of The World in with Miss Barbados and had taken cocaine with her during a tour of the West Indies, Mr Carman put it to Botham that the article had caused "great personal distress in your relationship with your wife".

Botham, whose wife Kathy was in court, replied: 'Yes, it caused her distress until I spoke to her about it. I told her that it was untrue, and she

understood " Mr Carman asked him why he had dropped legal action against British newspapers. but had decided to sue Imran on the basis of something

published in India Today.

Botham answered: When I am accused of cheating, or of being a racist, I feel strongly



Carman: searching

about that. I feel that a 20-year career has been tarnished, and that is why I pursued this." He also agreed he had not sued Ian Chappell, the former Australian captain, who had called him a habitual liar, and claimed Botham had attacked him with a beer glass. To laughter, Botham replied: 'No, sir. He's an Australian. I didn't take any notice of it."

Botham was forced by Mr Carman to explain why he had lied to journalists after allegations were made by The Mail On Sunday that he took marijuana and cocaine, and encouraged two girls to have sex with him in an hotel during a cricket tour of New

Mr Carman put it to Botham that, "you held a press

the Sunday. Hundreds of neighbours and friends joined

police that night in a search

for her. Her body was discov-

ered by a police dog handler a

wooden window frame.

conference or spoke to a large group of journalists to say publicly that you had never taken marijuana or cocaine in

Mr Carman added: "That was a lie, wasn't it?"

Botham denied that he had lied, saying: "No, because I had to take legal advice, and when confronted by journalists you tend to freeze. Mr Carman: "It was a lie,

Botham: "Yes, sir."

Mr Carman mentioned Botham's prosecution in 1986 for possession of marijuana after police raided his home, Botham had made about Pakistan during a radio interview which caused him to be suspended and fined £1,000 by the English cricket authorities.

Mr Carman said: "What vou said about Pakistan was that it was where you would like to send your mother-inlaw for a month, all expenses

Botham replied. "No, I said for two weeks."

When the laughter died down Mr Carman went on: That was a disgracefully offensive observation to the people and cricketers of Pakistan, wasn't it?"

Botham replied that he had meant it as a light-hearted "mother-in-law joke". Mr Carman: "You don't like

Botham: "Why would I not like it? I have no objection to playing there. I've been there three times and I have a lot of

friends there." Botham had earlier told how he demanded an apology after Imran had written a cutting review of his autobiography in which he said: "By the time I had finished the autobiography. I was in no doubt as to who the real hero of the book is. It is Botham's wife, Kathy. I wish her all the luck for the remainder of her marriage.

Turning his gaze directly at Imran, Botham said: thought it was an extremely arrogant remark and I would like to inform Imran that my wife and I have an extremely successful marriage, thank

In the review two years ago in The Sunday Times, Imran had described the autobiography as "a sad book that displays his bitterness". The



Dogged Beefy plays a straight bat to legal googlies in marathon innings

SOME juries have to endure the Maxwell trial, or the endless McDonald's saga. Others get to watch cricket.

The seven men and five women in court 13 of the High Court were treated to a sparkling innings yesterday as Ian Botham, on the second day of his libel action against Imran Khan, faced the devastating reverse swing bowling of George Carman, QC. Mr Carman does not take prisoners; he takes wickets.

Court 13 is in dire need of a new south stand; a capacity crowd filled the many were left disappointed outside. Those inside enjoyed a measure of participation in the games judge, counsel, jury and key witness all had shining and untampered new halls to play with, and shortly before lunch play stopped so that they could watch some old Test match clips showing Botham possibly, or possibly not doing something to a ball. They enjoyed it so much they asked to see it

again, with the television a bit closer. Botham, at the wicket all day, had an easy start to his innings in the witness box, juggling the new ball

from hand to hand in spare moments, and effortlessly stonewalling the medium-paced bowling of his own QC. Charles Gray. Dressed in blue blazer and off-white flannels, he managed to score the occasional single, as when he explained that he had abandoned plans in the 1980s to take a multiracial team to South Africa; not because he was being insufficiently paid, but because he was insulted by the South African's offer to make Viv Richards an "honorary white" so that he and

He scored another easy two when Imran in The Sunday Times suggesting that the real hero was his wife for putting up with him. "It was extremely arrogant, and I would like to inform you that we have an extremely successful marriage, thank you."
Played with a straight bat, in front of strawberry-blonde wife spectating in the front row.

Botham could dine in the same

Botham played all accusations of ball-tampering straight back down the pitch. Yes, he did throw the new ball to the wicketkeeper, but not for him to rough up one side with his gloves, merely to wipe off the sweat that had

bag in the umpire's pocket. The jury passed a note up to the judge. Could they see some old balls? Mr Carman said: "I have taken the precaution of bringing with me some old balls - er,

But then after the lunch interval, Mr Carman took his position at the bowler's end for six overs of crossexamination. The deliveries came at Botham from unexpected directions. What about the marijuana, cocaine and women in New Zealand? What

about sex with Miss Barbados? What about the dropping of libel actions gainst The Mail on Sunday and the News of the World? Mr Gray was on his feet appealing to the umpire, Mr Justice French, that Miss Barbados was a clear no-ball, but the judge allowed the questioning to proceed. Botham had to give up stonewalling and fling his bat about a bit. Are you a truthful man, Mr Botham? I think so, sir, although I may have broken a window at school. You told lies to journalists. Mr Botham. You tend to panic when faced with journalists, sir.

But Botham got in two quick singles, one when Mr Carman re-called that the cricketer's home had

gathered after being in a cellophane been raided and drugs found. The witness retorted: "0.19 of a gram of marijuana; I remember it well." He got the other when asked why he was continuing his libel action against the magazine India Today, while he had once dropped one against the News of the World, which had an infinitely larger circulation. "Not in Asia, I wouldn't have thought." Appreciative laughter from the crowd.

Mr Gray was on his feet again, appealing once more to the umpire against muck-raking. Mr Carman was again allowed to continue.

But instead of pursuing Miss Barbados. Mr Carman produced wha appeared to be a paper bag of apples It was in fact the old balls the jury had asked for. He handed them to the judge, who passed them to the jury, who fondled them like exotic worry

"I am waiting for Mr Carman to say, 'Can I have my ball back?'," the judge interjected, barely suppressing a laugh. Clearly delighted with his own small shaft of wit, the umpire declared stumps drawn for the day. England's innings continues today when Mr Carman will resume the bowling for

Boy, 13, arrested in Jade murder case

By Adam Fresco

A BOY aged 13 was arrested yesterday by police investigat-ing the murder of the schoolgirl Jade Matthews.

He spent the day at an undisclosed police station on Merseyside being questioned about his movements on July i, the day that Jade, 9, was found battered to death on a railway siding.
Police would not say if he

was the same 13-year-old who was arrested and held for 24 hours last week before being released without charge. Two 17-year-old youths and Jade's natural father were also arrested last week and later

Jade disappeared after going out to play near her home in Bootle about 4pm on

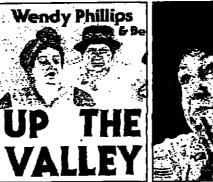
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Cleaner is swept away to star in Hollywood By Peter Foster

A SCHOOL deaning lady is going to Hollywood, to star in a film about a woman who

mile and a half away early next morning. She had been wins a trip to Hollywood. battered to death with part of a Film-makers believe their discovery, Wendy Phillips, 59, has the qualities of great Several witnesses have spo-ken of seeing Jade on July 7 with a 13-year-old boy with a mountain bike. They are Ealing comedy actresses. Mrs Phillips, a cleaner for

26 years at Cwm Garw Primaamong dozens who have come ry in Pontycymer, Mid Gla-morgan, will play a Welsh woman named Ethel in Into forward in response to appeals for help by police and Jade's mother and stepfather. the Wood. The film involves Denise, 31, and Stephen, 37. the heroine meeting stars and A mobile police station set becoming so enchanted that she decides to stay. Yesterday up for five hours close to the murder scene a week after the the producer was in America crime brought more than 60 trying to negotiate cameos



Wendy Phillips and a poster for her previous film

from Tony Curtis and Sir Anthony Hopkins. Like Ethel, Mrs. Phillips is going to America for the first time. She will stay in Malibu for eight days with her hus-band, David, 65, a retired miner, but has no thoughts of giving up her £40-a-week job.
She said: "I'm not going to let
all this go to my head. One

person asked to keep my overalls when I'm famous." She was discovered

through a mutual friend by Sara Sugarman, director of Into the Wood, and acted in a Channel 4 play The Village and in Sugarman's last film Up the Valley, an awardwinner at the Welsh International Film Festival. She will be paid a £15 daily allowance and a share of profits. Ms Sugarman said: Wendy is a natural. She has qualities of actresses like Margaret Rutherford and Irene Handl."

MP blows Pig and Whistle on 'phoney' pub names

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

A CAMPAIGN has been launched by a Tory MP to prevent the Dog and Duck and the Pig and Whistle from

becoming endangered species. Nicholas Winterton has joined forces with the Campaign for Real Ale to try to protect traditional pub names. He tabled a Commons motion yesterday urging the Government to ensure that the names of long-established public houses cannot be changed

without planning permission, The call to arms went up when Mr Winterton discovered that the 200-year-old Bull's Head, in the centre of his Macclesfield constituency in Cheshire, is to be renamed the Pig and Truffle. The MP.

who has hosted receptions for the Campaign for Real Ale on the Commons terrace, said last night: "This is outrageous. This pub is a point of identity which has been known by its existing name for hundreds of years.

Mr Winterton, who is backed by his local borough council, is seeking to stop breweries giving their pubs contrived names such as the Slug and Salad, the Goose and Granite, Scruffy Murphy's and the Hare and Billet.

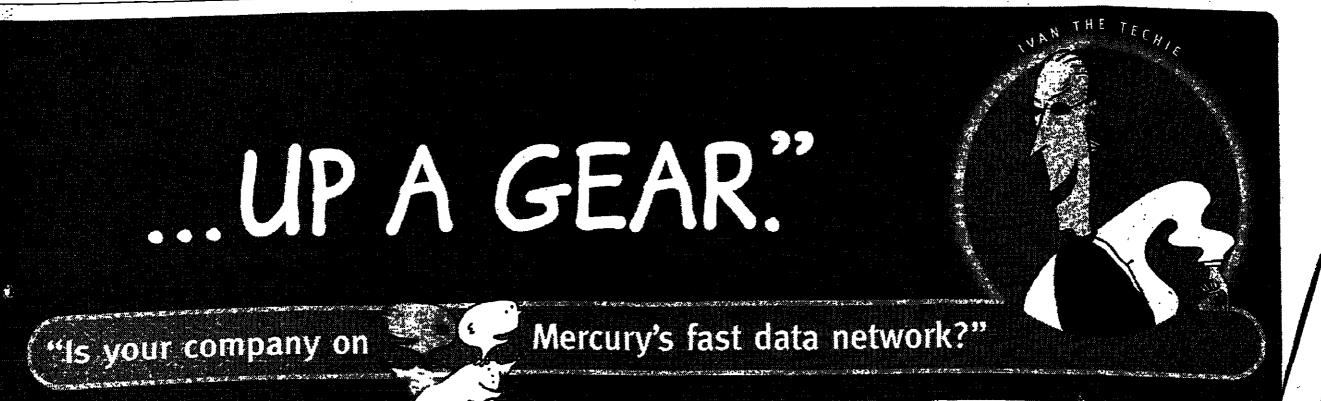
The names he believes are under threat include the Bag o' Nails (corruption of Bacchanals), the Goat and Compasses (God Encompasses Us), the Pig and Whistle (a corruption

Shovel (Sir Cloudsley Shovel, an admiral in Queen Anne's reign), and The Salutation la reference to the Angel Gabriel saluting the Virgin Mary). Mr Winterton said: "In

of wassail), the Ship and

many cases, the names of pubs represent historical events and political persuasions in years gone by. All this could disappear unless we act now."

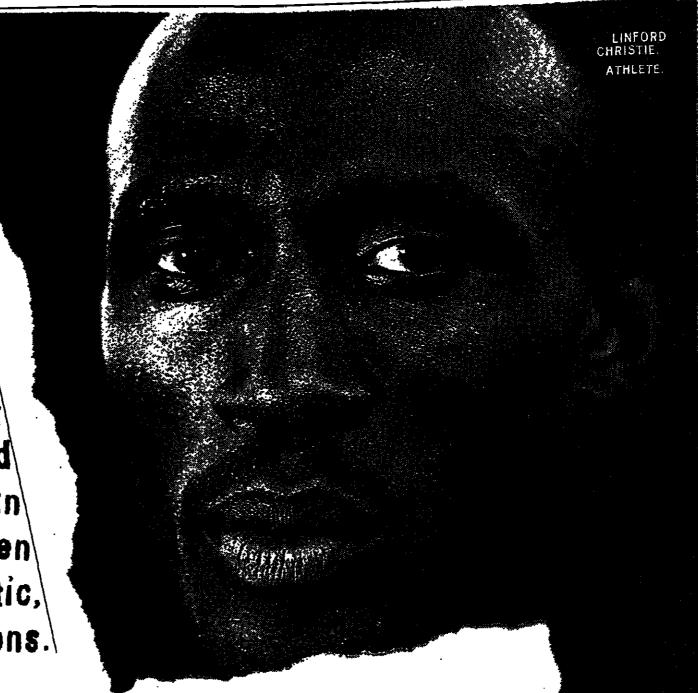
Stephen Cox, campaigns manager for the Campaign for Real Ale, said: "It's not only the names which are changing for the worse. It is the character of the pubs. We support anything which will preserve the identity of the traditional British pub.



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Linford Christie is possibly
the best athlete Britain has
ever produced. There are
people in Britain who don't
care what colour he is, and
there are those who would
discriminate against him just
because he is black. For the
people who don't care what
colour he is, the Olympics and
both the World and the European
Championships over the past ten
years or so have been dramatic,
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Well we can only assume they found these historic and memorable moments to be non-events.

Now, although sport is just one aspect of life in this country, it would appear to us that for every aspect you can possibly think of, you have these two groups of people viewing things with their own particular perspective.

And it seems to us that it's always the same individuals who choose to discriminate who are the ones missing out on so much.

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People who don't discriminate accept that ethnic minorities are part of the fabric of British life, whether they're recent immigrants or from families who've been living in this country for many generations.

They realise that without the diversity that now exists, choice for all of us would be incredibly limited.

At the Commission for Racial Equality, we think the same way, that's why we're promoting Roots of the Future.

Roots Of The Future is an exciting initiative that we hope will reach just about everyone in Britain.

The aim is to show that an ethnically diverse Britain is a much better Britain. To illustrate that, despite discrimination and abuse, many people from all kinds of ethnic backgrounds are, despite the odds, succeeding in all walks of life.

We want the Roots Of The Future initiative to concentrate attention on the most positive aspects

of a multi-racial society.

We want people to learn about and understand other cuttures and to realise and accept that different isn't better or worse - it's equal.

A travelling exhibition will reach the hundreds of thousands of people who visit arts and museum venues around the country. At the same time a colourful and informative book also called Roots Of The Future will be launched.

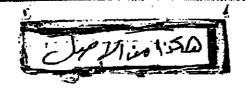
Amongst other things, the book charts the history of people who came to Britain from all over the world. How they survived, contributed, and how they continue to

contribute, to our economic, cultural and social development and growth.

For details of how to get hold of a copy of the book Roots Of The Future please call 0181 986-4854, or for any other aspect of the initiative call the CRE on 0171 932-5207.



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Diana effect was worth millions

Charities count cost of losing their Queen of Hearts

By Emma Wilkins AND KATHRYN KNIGHT

FROM Help the Aged to the English Women's Indoor Bowling Association, the charitable world was in turmoil vesterday after the Princess of Wales's decision to renounce her patronage of 93 causes.

Officials at the Royal School for the Blind were particularly upset. They are launching a 12.25 million appeal next month, and must now rethink their strategy. The question of a replacement patron, possiby Prince Edward, will top mé agenda at a trustees meeting tomorrow.

David Ireland, a spokes-man, said he was puzzled by the Princess's withdrawal from so many charities, as it appeared to conflict with her publicly-stated desire to be a Qucen of Hearts".

The charity, based at Leatherhead, Surrey, recently changed its name to Secability, and was among the first to secure the Princess's patronage in February 1982. The new appeal is to raise money to build the first home in Britain for Juvenile Batten's Disease, a genetically-inherited condition which leads to blindness and paralysis.

"We are bitterly disappointed," Mr Ireland said. "It's very unfortunate timing. We need a well-known name. It is a very sad day for us and the

"She does such a lot of good work through her magnetic quality. It has certainly been to our benefit. Most of her work with us was in the background, but she made two visits to our offices and always kept in touch. Just having her there as a figurehead was a

comfort factor for us." "At the offices of Turning Point, the drugs and alcohol dependency charity which the Princess joined as patron a decade ago, Ron Alexander said: "It's a big blow for us. She used to visit us once a



Yeo: understood need to make fresh start

dinners to help raise our profile. It's been magic and we

are very disappointed. We have got to rethink the whole business of who will be patron, but I think it will be another royal. She is certainly a megastar. The others are in a bit of a different league."

The Princess's support for Help the Aged over ten years helped to quadruple its income, according to John Mayo, its director-general. He was saddened by the decision but grateful for her past

At the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children, its chief executive Diane Yeo said: "I was surprised because the Princess had given me a private indication that she wanted to stay with her cancer charities. I can understand her reasons because when you get divorced, you want to make as iresh a start as possible. I just hope we can find another member of the Royal Family

who wants to join us." Mrs Yeo, whose husband Tim is a Conservative MP, added: "Her role with us was very quiet and behind-thescenes. She didn't get actively involved in any of our highprofile galas."

At Headway, the head injuries charity where the Princess month, and she gave private chose to announce her withChristmas luncheon in 1993, the chairman Nigel Cutts said her presence at the event had brought a £37,000 net profit.

The following year, the Princess withdrew from the lun-cheon: "Our major sponsor then also withdrew and our net profit was only £5,000. You can see how direct an impact

At the Benesh Institute of Choreology, which provides a system of dance notation for major ballet companies, officials said the Princess's presence at an event always doubled or tripled the

Dominic Jenkins, chief executive of the Ty Hafan hospice. has written to the Princess urging her to reconsider. During her year-long patronage, the Princess helped to raise £100,000 by persuading Luciano Pavaroni to give a fund-raising concert in Car-

The support of the Princess as an individual has been vital. I am absolutely certain the people of Wales would wish her to carry on. It is the Princess as a person, not the HRH title, that we want," Mr Jenkins said.

The British Red Cross said in had raised more than £95 million last year when the Princess was patron of its 125th Birthday Appeal. Relate, where the Princess has been patron since 1989, paid tribute to her work.

At Barnardo's, the senior director, Roger Singleton, said: "The Princess is closely associated with children and has often commanded mass attention when she speaks out on issues which affect them." The English Women's In-

door Bowling Association was more sanguine. Margaret Ruff, secretary, said she was saddened, but the Princess's involvement had been limited: I don't think it was really her SDOIL."

WPC given 'duff dog' claims sex discrimination

By Stephen Farrell

A FORMER policewoman yesterday claimed that she was deliberately given an incompetent police dog to ruin her career.

Elizabeth Fletcher, 43, accused Nottinghamshire police dog trainers of using the ploy to stop her joining the force's

She was twice knocked over by her German shepherd dog Beau, suffering injuries to her knees which forced her to retire through ill health. Mrs Fletcher is claiming compensation for sexual discrimination against the force and her trainer, PC David Brown.

The Nottingham tribunal was told that Beau became easily distracted while tracking suspects, did not bite hard enough to hold them and needed to be "twanged" on the muzzle with an elastic band to produce an aggres-sive response. "He was so hopeless that even criminals would have realised he was no threat." Mrs Fletcher said. She claimed that officers,

including PC Brown, saw her as less effective than male colleagues. She was the second woman to join the section and was at the time the only female among 32 handlers.

The first accident with Beau came a month into training simulated chase. Inspector Peter Joyce, a retired instructor, told the hearing: "It would appear that Beau anticipated the exercise and upon seeing

the suspect became excited. lunged forward and pulled her on to the concrete kerb. on to the lead."

He said that Beau had no more problems than other dogs and that the allegations without foundation. The job is difficult enough without the suggestion that anyone would allow any dog below the required standard

to participate."
The second accident happened at a primary school display in June 1994, six months after the pair had passed the course and begun operational duties.

Jeremy Lewis, for Nottinghamshire police, claimed that PC Brown had gone out of his way to encourage and to praise Mrs Fletcher for her determination. He found it "not only pretty difficult but also pretty far-fetched" that PC Brown had deliberately given her a "duff dog".

. PC Brown has since been removed from the dog section after another policewoman complained of discrimination, the tribunal was told. His lawyer, John Horan, said he was the innocent victim of malicious rumours.

Beau has been transferred to military duties and sent to the Royal Army Veterinary Corps Defence Animal Centre for training in bomb detection, drug-sniffing or

tracking.
The hearing continues.

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Exam boards urged to reinstate British history for GCSE

A PERSONAL appeal to save the study of British political history at GCSE was made to the examination boards by Nick Tate, the Government's curriculum chief, yesterday. From September, key events such as the English Civil War

and Henry VIII's reign are being dropped from GCSE syllabuses in favour of courses focusing on world history. They include topics such as the rise of America and Russia as superpowers, China in revolution and the demise of apartheid in South Africa.

Dr Tate, chief executive of the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, is alarmed that the examination boards' decision means a generation of pupils will no longer follow GCSE courses that concentrate on British political history before 1900.

The most popular board for history GCSE, the Midlands Examining Group (MEG), is scrapping all five of its British history papers, which allowed

pupils to specialise on the medieval and Victorian periods, and the Tudors and

Mr Tate's concern is that the replacement courses call for little knowledge of the politics and personalities that make up Britain's heritage. The emphasis is being switched to global affairs and social and economic history.

The Southern Examining Group (SEG) is phasing out its two courses in Aspects of English History, 1509-1689 and 1815-1979, in favour of modern world history. It is retaining its popular syllabus in Aspects of British Social and Economic History.

The boards said yesterday there was not enough interest in British political courses to make them viable. Only 97 candidates took MEG's Tudors and Stuarts paper this year compared with 52,000 for world history; and 270 took

SEG's 1509-1689 syllabus. Dr Tate said he wanted the

boards to reconsider and continue to offer the courses as a public service. He said there was a precedent set by the boards when they agreed not to scrap GCSEs in Modern Hebrew and Polish after a

similar appeal. He was supported by Norman Stone. Professor of Modern History at Oxford University, who called the disappearance of British hist-

ory courses "preposterous". Kathleen Tattersall, director of the Joint Forum for the GCSE Boards, said: "The boards take their responsibility for providing an educational service seriously, but at the end of the day there is a very real issue as to whether we can continue to offer a syllabus if there are no

"You cannot separate the financial issues from the educational aspect. If people are not putting candidates forward, then we are not offering a public service anyway."



A scientist takes a close-up view of the kind of bomb damage he hopes to prevent in the fight against air terrorism. Chris Peel said yesterday that a lining of armour would strongly increase the chances of passenger jets surviving a Lockerbie-style explosion (Richard Duce

The Defence Evaluation and Research Agency at Farnborough has spent four years and £5 million developing a protective sleeve for cargo holds, made of

Jet body armour cuts bomb blasts

a material similar to Kevlar body armour used by the military and police. Explosives of different weights were set off inside the simulated holds of jumbo jets. which curently have only a 50 per cent chance of surviving such a blast. Professor Peel, a chief scientist on the project, said: "Where we used the hardened lining, there was effectively no damage. believe we have pushed the chance of survival up to 75 or 80 per cent."

The lining, costing a few thousand pounds per aircraft, would add three tonnes in weight, requiring extra fuel at a cost of £750,000 over the 20-year life of a 747. Researchers want legislation to require the fitting of hardened material. The 1988 Lockerbie blast killed 270.

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BBC chief's | Parents say £35,000 rise draws union | die without 'fat cat' jibe

By Stephen Farrell

BROADCASTING unions have attacked the 13.2 per cent pay rise awarded to John Birt. the BBC's Director-General. which brings his salary to £299,495. The unions said yesterday that their members had been awarded a 2.6 per cent rise by the BBC, which had cut 850 jobs.

Mr Birt's £35,000 increase included a performance-related bonus of £24,000. The BBC also contributed £30,000 to his pension. Mr Birt is believed to be negotiating a further in-crease after his contract was extended for four years.

Gerry Morrissey, the chief negotiator of the Broadcasting, Entertainment, Cinematograph and Theatre Union, said: "Birt seems to be getting like one of these industry fat cats who earn their pay rises by ensuring others have no jobs or see their pay cut."

Sir Christopher Bland, the

BBC's new chairman, claimed that the rise was in line with comparable broadcasting organisations and state

☐ ITV has announced that it is to invest £100 million to make at least 50 British feature films over ten years.

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son, 2, will donor heart

By A Staff Reporter

THE parents of a two-year-old boy waiting for a heart transplant appealed for a donor yesterday after doctors said that he will die by the end of the week unless one can be found.

Ashley Taylor's heart failed last week after he survived three operations to remedy a congenital defect. His parents. Wayne and Kay, yesterday begged any parent whose child has just died to coms forward. Kay, 27, of Telford, Shropshire, said: "Please can they think about giving another baby the gift of life? Ashley has spent most of his life in hospital . . . he could go any time and we do not know whether these are his last

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hours or not." Ashley has already sur-prised doctors at the Children's Hospital (Birmingham) by surviving until now. He suffers from hypoplastic left heart syndrome, which results in loss of the blood supply because the only channel left open from the heart begins to

Mr Taylor, also 27, said: He keeps telling us that it hurts him and looks at me as if to say that he wants me to make it all better and I know I

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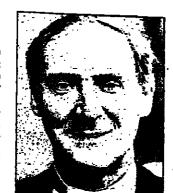
THE Church of England is to remove references to God as male in its prayer book and to replace the words fellow men" with "neighbour".

The changes were condemned by traditionalists as a move towards political correctness. Liturgists defended them, saying that in at least one case they took the Church closer to the original Latin

The General Synod, meeting in York, approved changes to the service for Holy Communion, introducing "neighbour in the confession and panging peace to His people on earth" to "peace to God's people on earth" in the

In the eucharistic prayer, the response "It is right to give Him thanks and praise" is being changed to "It is right to give our thanks and praise". In the Creed, "men" is being deleted from "For us men and for our salvation".

The Right Rev Noel Debroy Jones, Bishop of Sodor and Man, said: "I do not want to get into any debate on gender, but I do believe here we are tending to be too politically correct in changing these texts." He said the call to confession, where a reference



Bishop Jones: said the changes were not needed

to men at the end is being deleted, was being emasculated. But he reserved particular criticism for the change to the Gloria. Words were being changed unnecessarily "just to make a point".

Professor Arthur Pollard. former professor of English at Hull University, also criticised inclusive language, which I

The Church's 1980 Alternative Service Book is being revised for 2000. Although there is a conscious attempt to use "inclusive language" in places, the revision shows a more conservative bent than expected.

Liturgists are determined not to make the mistakes of the past, when the loss of the

1662 Book of Common Prayer was widely mourned. In concessions to tradition-

alists, the revised prayer book will include for the first time the version of the Communion service that uses the language of Thomas Cranmer. The synod has rejected calls from more extreme exponents of inclusive language to change the Creed's reference to the Incarnation from "and was made man" to "and became truly human".

The Rev John Broadhurst, a vicar in north London and a member of the committee that helped to produce the Alternative Service Book 16 years ago, said: 'I think many of us thought we were new Cranmers. I am glad to see in this one we are getting rid of some of the nonsense we created. But I do think there are problems.

"Eucharistic worship Trinitarian," he said in his valedictory speech after 24 years on the synod. "I am arnazed that the classic greeting used by many of us - In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit' is not used."

Canon Bernice Broggio, from Southwark, one of the synod's leading feminists, said the inclusive language should have gone further to include



Two clergy taking a sunshine break from the synod. Their prayer book is being revised for the year 2000

references to Christ. "Doctrinally, linguistically and theologically, what we are meaning is that Christ was made human," she said.

Shirley Ann Williams, from Exeter, said the changes did not go far enough. She said the references to "men" that remain in the more traditional Rite B Communion service be changed to "people".

She rejected the argument

that "men" was an alternative term for "people". She said: "I do not like to be called a man. It denies my femininity, which I value. It also contradicts my knowledge of biology."

Canon Michael Perham, vice-dean of Norwich, who was proposing the changes, defended some of them as better translations of the original Latin texts. He conceded that "they embrace some of the concerns about gender inclusive language" and admitted that the liturgists had "run into some trouble" over this. "For, within our own culture and our own Church, there is no consensus on this issue."

The changes will bring the eucharistic worship in the Church of England closer to the liturgies in the worldwide Anglican Church, as well as in the Roman Catholic and Methodist churches world-

Liturgists in all the mainstream churches are working towards liturgies that are closer to the original biblical texts, and one result will be increasing similarities in services in different denominations, thus bringing them closer together. Anglicans yesterday wel-comed this as a means of

enabling members of other denominations to feel at home. no matter where they might be

There's a great deal going on

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Extra jab for young to prevent measles

By JEREMY LAURANCE *HEALTH CORRESPONDENT*

EVERY pre-school child is to be offered a second vaccination against measles, mumps and rubella to eliminate the risk of epidemics, the Government announced yesterday. From October, all children

given pre-school boosters against diphtheria, tetanus and polio will also have a booster of the so-called MMR vaccine, in addition to the first dose which is offered to infants between 12-15 months.

Government scientists say the extra dose is necessary to keep the pool of children susceptible to measles at a minimum, following the success of the 1994 MMR campaign which almost eradicated the disease.

Between 92 and 93 per cent of children have their first dose of MMR by their second birthday, but the vaccine is not effective in all cases. About 10 per cent do not get protection from it, in addition to the 8 per cent who do not take up the offer of vaccination.

Scientists say that this means an accumulation of 100,000 unprotected children

The total cost of the strategy, recommended by the advisory Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation, which advises the Government, is estimated at £18 million in the first year, falling to £6 million

600 attend funeral of Amschel Rothschild

By LIN JENKINS

THE family and friends of Amschel Rothschild, the fi-Mancier who was found hanged in a Paris hotel last week, gathered for his funeral

About 600 mourners attended the service at the Liberal Jewish Cemetery in Will north London, where he was buried in a private plot. They included William Waldegrave, Chief Secretary to the Treasury: Sir Jocelyn Stevens, chairman of English Heritage: Alan Yentob, the BBC director of programmes; Bill Wyman, the former Rolling Stone: and Anna Ford, the newsreader.

The family mourners were led by Sir Evelyn de Roth-schild, chairman of N M Rothschild and Lord Rothschild. Amschel's half-brother Jacob. Rabbi Julia Neuberger, a family friend, conducted the private service. Speaking of Mr Rothschild, who was chairman of Rothschild Asset

Management, she said: "His friendship is irreplaceable and it is devastating for his family. As she directed her gaze at his widow Anita, 38, and children, Kate, 13, Alice, 12, and James, 11, she said: "You were the focus of his life." She said he was known for his "elegance, charm and delight in often very silly jokes." She

added: "He was a respected City banker, he was a man of loyalty, a country-life lover and a generous host. He was also a devoted friend. The sense of loss will never heal." The service was conducted in English and Hebrew and relayed through speakers to an overflow outside. Mourners then followed the oak

coffin to the grave, where they recited the Jewish prayer for the dead. Mr Rothschild, 41. was found dead in his room at the Hotel Bristol while on business in Paris. French investigators concluded that he had committed suicide.

Appeal over police cell death fails

A restaurant owner who claimed police framed him over a man's death has lost his appeal. Malcolm Kennedy, 48, had been arrested for drunkenness and held in a cell with Patrick Quinn, 56, in Hammersmith, west London. Quinn was found kicked to

LII 1991, KEDB Newington, north London, was jailed for life, but the Court of Appeal ordered a retrial, which convicted him of manslaughter with a nine-year sentence. That was up-held at the Court of Appeal.

Postal strike plea

The Royal Mail is advising customers not to post letters today or tomorrow to prevent a hacklog of mail caused by tomorrow's planned walkout by postal workers. No talks are scheduled between the two sides and three further strikes are planned.

VC auctioned

A Victoria Cross awarded to General Sir Charles Gough in recognition of four acts of bravery during the Indian Mutiny sold for £41,400 at Spink's in London to an anonymous bidder. The family is unique in that three Goughs were awarded VCs.

Dickens portrait

The earliest-known portrait of Charles Dickens, handed over as security for a £10 loan 50 years ago and never re-claimed was sold to a Mayfair antiques dealer for £14,375 at Phillips in London. Dickens posed for the watercolour when he was 15.

Briefs in news

Dolores O'Riordan, singer with the Cranberries pop group, accepted undisclosed damages in the High Court over a claim in the Daily Star that she went on stage without her briefs. In April the Daily Sport had to apologise over a similar allegation.

Actor sues over firing of film blunderbuss

By A STAFF REPORTER

A 72-YEAR-OLD actor who claims that his hearing was damaged after an ancient blunderbuss was fired on a film set is suing for £100,000 damages. Graham Stark, who says that the accident cost him several offers of work, is taking action against Robin Crichton, a film director, and inburgh Film and Video Productions.

At the Court of Session, Edinburgh - Scotland's supreme civil court - Judge John Wheatley, QC, ruled that a hearing of evidence should take place at a date to be fixed. Mr Stark, of Ninemileburn, by Penicuik, Lothian, and Lordon, was appeared in and that the actor's hearing

with Peter Sellers, says that he was filming Moonacre in Slovenia when an old-fashioned blunderbuss was unexpectedly discharged in an enclosed courtyard. He was standing near by and immediately felt pain and a "pinging" in his left ear, and needed hospital treatment.

Mr Stark also claims that he lost television and commercial work, a role in a West End production and the lead part in a film, Red Herring, Red Moon, with a fee of £25,000. Mr Crichton denies liability, claiming that the blunderbuss was test-fired some distance away from the set

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Mandarins outline plans for a united states of Britain

PREPARATIONS for a radical retrenchment in the role of forward by the American Republicans, have been drawn up by Treasury officials as the Government's most powerful department readies itself for the next millennium

In a report to Sir Terence Burns, the Treasury Permanent Secretary, his senior officials look at ways to manage public spending if there are no radical changes in the responsibilities of the state, and at what a reduced state might imply for the Treasury.

The document does not "explicitly consider" how a different administration would deal with the tasks, but it does consider alternative policy op-tions. Several, notably those on the decentralisation of powers from Whitehall, would find more favour with Labour.

A section of the document, called Strategic Considerations for the Treasury, which has been obtained by The Times, looks at how the Republican proposals could be implemented in the United Kingdom, although the Treasury team admits that the US plan has not progressed as they hoped and in the more liberal culture would probably meet even greater resistance".

The officials entitled the section "Contract with Britain: a smaller state" in an allusion to the "Contract with America" vision advanced by Newt Gingrich. Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The paper says that the Republican aim of a balanced budget is "quite feasible" in Britain. "Borrowing is on a downward trend now and a slightly tougher public-spending stance could certainly deliver balance in 2000-2005."

The US proposals focus on personal tax cuts through higher allowances, the opposite of the UK trend. The rationale for the American policy is to encourage thrift for state provision in the long expenditure round, to help to



Gingrich: his vision for US provided blueprint

run. "The options are practical but could be costly in revenue

The paper refers to the Republican plans to cut entitlements to teenage mothers and to put strict time limits on benefits, but goes further with suggestions including privatising contributory benefits and cuts in spending on further and higher education. The former could be replaced by voluntary or compulsory private insurance.

The approach is gaining support, it says. A model already exists for one of the contributory benefits (Serps) and in Germany people can contract out of sickness benefits. Chile has compulsory private insurance for all pension provision.

The document warns of serious obstacles; getting the private sector to provide services hitherto financed through public expenditure entails time. Privatisation would require regulation on monopoly grounds as well as to promote competition. Dealing with accrued rights could mean that implementation would take 50 years and providing protection for the poorest would raise demands for means-tested benefits.

The Treasury suggests that the Government should set priorities for spending in ad-

The document says the Government is considering cutting state support for further and igher education on the rounds that rising demand is unaffordable and private returns to individuals and their employers exceed social returns". Funding of sixth-forms and universities could be by financing individuals with vouchers, grants, loans and employer contributions.

The Treasury team looks at decentralising powers to local authorities, in line with the Republican call to decentralise to the American states, but it says that councils' powers could be reduced in the areas of education and roads.

It suggests that primary and econdary education could be delivered by central govern-ment, perhaps through compulsory opting out, abolition LEAs and a central agency to administer student grants. This would virtually halve the size of local government by removing its single biggest

The report discloses that a further proposal already under consideration is treating roads as a utility rather than a public service. Ownership would be transferred to regulated private companies which would receive their income from road-users.

Other measures suggested include giving local authorities responsibility for the business rate and functions currently run by regional offices of central departments, such as environment, transport and trade and industry. More radically, the report

raises the prospect of giving local authorities more powers over the provision of health and social security services, such as full responsibility for provisions for disabled people. Of more attraction to a Labour government would be the suggestions of increasing the powers of councils to raise more finance through local

taxes, on the German model.



Odds against joining single currency before millennium

THERE is a less than 50 per cent chance of the United Kingdom joining a single European currency in 1999 under a Labour or Conservative government, the senior Treasury officials conclude.

They say that early entry would be the best option for the City, but describe this as an improbable eventuality. "City interests are unlikely to drive this policy," the Treasury document says in a reference to divisions in the two main parties over joining a single currency.

The document says that the advent of the single currency and the uncertainties about whether, when and how this "the single biggest challenge" Leading article, page 17 Irrespective of whether the UK eventually joins a curren-cy, the biggest change foreseen in Treasury work is a big rise in the number of policies

formulated at European level. The Treasury believes that the case for an independent Bank of England will be strengthened if the UK does not go into a single currency because it will be seen as a way of giving credibility to a more rigorous anti-inflation policy. This is the "main alternative scenario" to mem-

bership of the single currency. One possible formula is the New Zealand system, under which the Treasury would set policy objectives and the Bank would be contracted to deliver, but the Bank would have the freedom to determeet the objectives set for it.

The document says there are three ways forward on tax and spending policies if the UK joins a single currency: national independence and flexibility; the Germanbacked rules approach under which countries will tace penalties if they fail to keep their public-sector deficits below 3 per cent of gross domestic product; or fiscal union.

The officials say that the case for fiscal union becomes stronger under monetary union, although this is not

regarded as a probable development within ten years. Much depends on which countries take part.

The Treasury appears to be pessimistic about the present Government's prospects at the inter-governmental ence (IGC) on the future of Europe. Setting out a possible outcome "which assumes the UK does not achieve its negotiating objectives", it says that the EU's competence may be extended to tourism, civil protection and energy policy. In spite of the Government's refusal in its recent White Paper to countenance any further weakening of the veto. the document says that qualified majority voting may be extended to transport, state research and development and financial regulation.

It also says the European Parliament may soon win powers to share decisions on issues such as environment. transport and health and safety. "If there is a significant extension to co-decision-making it will be worth investing in our relations with the European Parliament. This will largely be a task for ministers and it would be much easier were the national administration the same party

as the majority of UK MEPs. Closing ranks on open government

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE authors of the confidential report admit, with obvious discomfort, that Parliament's demands for information are likely to increase and that the drive towards greater account-

ability will gather momentum. Plaintively, they write: "We would not be able to rewrite or edit papers or fillet files as now." And, with the advent of computer technology, the Treasury would no longer be able to claim high costs as an argument for not making in-formation publicly available. As the costs of supplying

information fall, it becomes harder to justify not doing so." The report paints a heart-rending picture of a Treasury misunderstond and disliked. not only by the public but also by fellow Whitehall departments. Treasury ministers and officials "find it difficult to engage in a contructive dialogue" with a "very sophisticaled" adversary, such as the

Foreign Office. Confirming widespread criticism about the slow pace of movement towards greater openness, the authors say the Government has been "moving cautiously to provide more information and account-

However, they breathe a sigh of relief as they list a string of Treasury exemptions practice ensuring wider access to information. "All of these provide great protection to the Treasury at the moment." The report claims that min-

some progress in publishing details on economic forecasts and monthly meetings between Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England. But in an apparent effort to pre-empt the overzealous intrusion of MPs' into Treasury affairs, the repurt suggests improved contacts with chairmen of some Commons select committees.

It also lends support to Labour's proosals to publish a "Green Budget" in which taxation and spending proposals would be made available for wider consultation outside

Labour's plans for a freedom of information act would send shock waves through Whitehall, but the Treasury report reassures colleagues that in other countries "special exemptions are given for much economic and financial data". Listing a string of exemptions contained in Australian and New Zealand freedom of information legislation, the authors add: "We would of course want to ensure any legislation of ours included similar caveats."

There is a warning that ministers and officials have to go beyond disclosing selected information and divulge entire documents. "So when advice was given, the possibility that it might be published at a later date would have to be taken into

EU emphasis may weaken world trade role

BRITAIN will slip into the suggests that because of the second division of world economies in the next 20 years with its influence in international organisations declining as a result, Treasury officials have predicted.

The pessimistic forecast, contained in the strategic document on policies for the millennium, suggests that on present growth trends China would be the largest economic nation in 2015.

The document appears to suggest for the first time that increasing trade links with Europe may damage the chances of securing more lucrative markets in the Far East and South America. In a passage that will have embarrassed the pro-European Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, it asks if economic interests were best served in the long run "by hitching our wagon to all the

One way of countering the decline, the Treasury officials suggest, would be a campaign to promote the English language as the "main lingua franca of the next century".

The document predicts that France, Britain and Italy would lose their places in the top seven of the league of world output, being overtaken by India in fourth place, Brazil in sixth and Indonesia in seventh. The United States. Japan, Germany and China would remain in the top seven. with China replacing the US at the top. Mexico and South Korea will be close behind

Britain. The change is seen as the inevitable result of a large number of new economies rapidly catching up with relatively slow-growing mature economies. "Emerging economies can copy existing methods at relatively low cost compared with expensive development of new technologies. Better communications and capital mobility than in the past allow a more rapid diffusion of technology. And the developing world benefits from a large pool of cheap labour," the document says. It

geographic breakdown of British exports, market share would be lost as main markets grew more slowly than world trade. Eighty per cent of British exports, it says, were to those industrial countries expected to grow relatively slowly. Developing economies would produce a positive knock-on effect for the developed world, however, through Scientia

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increased competition, cheaper international production because of economies of scale and greater financial .diversification. The document says that great economic power for the

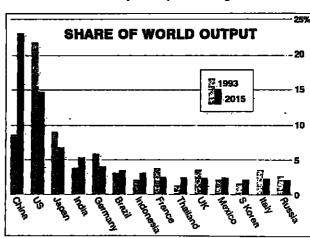
be followed by demands for greater political powers. Britain's role in the Group of Seven, the International Monetary Fund, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the World Trade Organisation will change as we move down

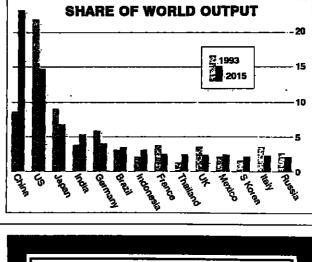
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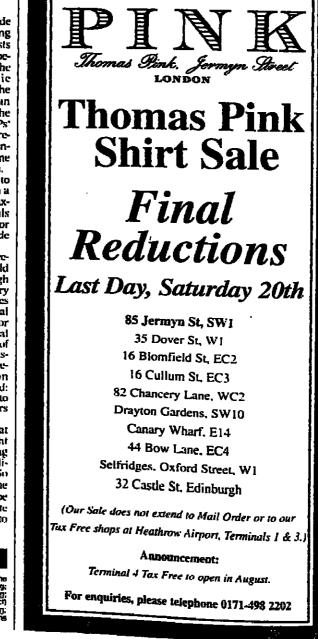
the ranking". It adds: "The structure of the institutions themselves will need to change, too, so that emerging countries can play roles on the world stage consonant with their economic strength. This underlines the need for early preparation if we are to retain influence in the future.

The document proposes changes at the Treasury to tackle the new situation created by declining influence. These include restoring a Treasury posting to Delhi, which was abolished after Britain joined the European Community, and sending staff to Paris, Berlin, Peking, Tokyo and Moscow while maintaining a presence in Brussels and

Washington. It suggests that the Treasury should immediately begin to enhance its language skills, concentrating on French. German, Russian, Japanese. Chinese, Portuguese and Spanish. and should start a programme with the Foreign Office to







NOTICE PLACED BY THE LONDON PENSIONS FUND AUTHORITY

APOLOGY

by the London Pensions Fund Authority to Patricia May Eaton

Following the demise of the Inner London Education Authority (the ILEA) on 31 March 1990 and by the passing to the London Pensions Fund Authority (the Authority) on 1 April 1992 of all the functions, rights and liabilities of the London Residuary Body which relate to, or arise from, any contract of employment with the ILEA, the Authority took over the Defence of an action which had been commenced by Miss Patricia Eaton for damages for breach of contract against the ILEA and Mr David Mallen (the last Education Officer of the ILEA) and, in 1993, became a Defendant, again alongside Mr Mallen, in a second action commenced by Miss Eaton for damages for personal injury arising out of her employment with the ILEA. A full and intensive review of the documentation surrounding her complaints has made the Authority and Mr Mallen aware of the following matters:



- a. that there was serious mismanagement of the issues arising out of the events which led Miss Eaton successfully to bring defamation proceedings in the High Court against Mr Terry Horsley in 1983;
- that there was a failure by the ILEA to address Miss Eaton's legitimate grievances concerning the mismanagement of those issues either by instituting disciplinary procedures or otherwise;
- that Miss Eaton's professional reputation, career and status have all been irretrievably damaged by that mismanagement and that failure to the extent that she was deprived of her employment and suffered severe harm to her health and future prospects;
- d. that the failure to address Miss Eaton's legitimate grievances was a source of great sadness to her
- e. that the failure to address Miss Eaton's grievances continued and was exacerbated by the withdrawal from her in January 1990 of a Special Enquiry that had been promised to her as a means of addressing those grievances;
- f. that Miss Eaton should have been accorded sight of the report prepared by Ms. Marion Stockley in March 1990 without the need for her to have commenced proceedings in the High Court to secure sight of the same; and
- g. that her distress has been exacerbated by the need to pursue court proceedings in order to secure redress and acknowledgement of the wrongs done to her.

The Authority offers to Miss Eaton their apology without reservation for all the above and especially for the distress and vexation which was occasioned to her mother in the last years of her life and express the hope that such apology, coupled with the payment to her of a significant sum in damages, will go some way to restoring Miss Eaton's health and professional reputation.

THE ABOVE WAS READ OUT AS A STATEMENT IN THE HIGH COURT ON 24 JUNE 1996.

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Planet's surface will be analysed

Scientists launch missions to find landing sites on Mars

FOUR missions are expected to be sent to Mars as part of a long-term plan to colonise it. Two decades after the first spacecraft was sent to the red planet, three international missions are expected to return this year to map the Martian weather of dust and ice clouds, and another is planned for 1998.

TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

The projects, led by America and Russia and including scientists from across Europe, hope to find areas of Martian surface which are stable enough to support a space base. One of the priorities is a study of the Martian south pole where,

trapped in the form of ice or permafrost.

Dr Richard Zurek, of the Joint Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, the researcher heading the Mars Surveyor 98 Mission, said yesterday: "If you want to put people on Mars and manufacture fuels, you need to know where the water

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Details of the missions were disclosed at the two-yearly meeting of the Committee on Space Research, an international gathering of about 2,000 scientists at Birmingham University. Dr Arden Albee of the California Institute of Technology. also in Pasadena, said the first launch was scheduled for November. It will take about

it is hoped, vast quantities of water are eight months to arrive at the red planet which, at its closest to Earth, is 40 million kilometres away, where the craft will go into orbit over the Martian poles. The surveyors' cameras will map the surface in unprecedented detail, and other instruments will monitor weather and

> The second launch is of a large Russian craft called Mars 96. It is employing two landers and two "penetrators" shaped like golf tees and the size of big dinner tables. The landers will be parachuted down to the surface and will monitor the weather a few metres above the ground. The penetrators will study soils and monitor seismic activity. Possibly the most ambi-

tious mission is called Pathfinder, another vital in the push to put a man on Mars American-led programme due to be launched in December. "It is an engineering experiment to look at new ways of putting landing craft on the surface," Dr Albee said. The mission will deploy finy weather stations and a remote-controlled rover, the size of a toy, which will roam the planet surface, taking pictures with its

The final mission is the Mars surveyor 1998. It will deploy another landing craft with a robot arm near the south pole. It will die a trench through the dust and ice to discover how hard the surface is and at what depth ice can be found.

Dr Zurek said the four missions were

and, one day, possibly transform the planet into a place habitual for humans. The most optimistic date of putting a man on Mars is 2020," he said.

☐ Scientists claim to have found evidence of ice on the moon, it was disclosed at the Committee on Space Research meeting in Birmingham. The existence of water could help turn the moon into a giant launchpad from mankind could fly to colonise the

solar system and galaxies beyond. Researchers have suggested it is cheaper to build machines and launch craft in near-zero gravity. Water is crucial as transporting large quantities of water from Earth would be extremely expensive.

Airport expansion threatens ruin of Domesday villages

By Russell Jenkins

A GROUP of Essex villages mentioned in the Domesday Book lost their battle in the High Court yesterday to half housing development which they fear will destroy their rural character. the South East."

The parish councils of Birchanger, Felsted, Little Dunmow and Takeley say that the planned 2.500 homes for the growing workforce of Stansted airport amount to 'development vandalism".

George Bartlett, QC, the Recorder, giving his judgment in the High Court, refused their plea to quash the provision for the developments in the local council plan and to order a second planning

Afterwards the parish councils said that their villages in an area noted for its halftimbered cottages, duck ponds and village greens - will be lost forever. Andrew Warren, chairman of the Felsted and Little Dunmow Conservation Society, and the parish councils brought the action against Unlesford District Council. He said: "These are Domesday Book villages. It is, effectively, doomsday for them. It effectively urbanises one of the few rural areas remaining in

The judgment opens the way for developers to build 650 homes at Felsted sugar beet works, 825 homes at Takeley, 400 at Rochford Nurseries in Stansted Mountfitchet, and 625 at Buildings Farm, Great Dunmow, The houses, to be constructed at the turn of the century, are intended for up to 14,500 workers as the airport expands to handle 15 million passengers a year.

The parishes complained that the villages had unlawfully been denied the opportunity to give evidence at the original planning inquiry in 1993 which centred on a single-site development at a disused airfield site at Easton Park, near Great Dunmow. The inquiry

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came down firmly in favour of dispersal over a number of

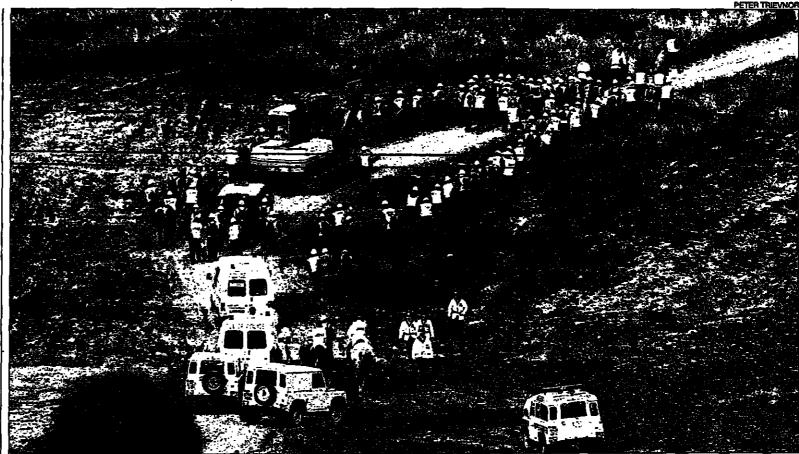
Mr Bartlett acknowledged that villagers had been "ac-corded less than equitable treatment" but concluded that was "wholly improbable" that a future inquiry would come to a different decision. Mr Warren said the judg-

ment raised a serious question mark over the public inquiry system, which had excluded those most affected by the development. The parish councils are considering whether to appeal but cost could rule it out. The failed action has already cost them tens of thousands of pounds.

Alan Dean, leader of Uttlesford council, said he was relieved that, after six years of wrangling, the council could push on with implementing its ☐ Jilly Cooper, the bestselling

novelist and journalist, has joined a campaign to stop two new town developments in the Cotswolds, developments at Standish, near Stroud, and at Boddington, near Tewkes-bury, form part of the provision for 53,000 new homes in Gloucestershire by 2011. Ms Cooper, who lives near

Bisley, has complained to Gloucestershire County Council that her village has already suffered from an "ill thoughtout" development at nearby Eastcombe. She says the new plan could ruin the county.



Police and security men were out in force yesterday to head off possible disruption of Operation Mollusc by Newbury bypass protesters

Big security operation proceeds at snail's pace

By MICHAEL HORNSBY COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

Lambourn and being taken a

WORKMEN protected by police and security guards yesterday launched Operation Mollusc, which will culminate in the removal of a rare species of snail from the path of the Newbury bypass. Some 1,000 square metres being transferred from a site near Bagnor on the River

mile and a half south to create a new habitat for Desmoulin's whorl that will be watered by the River Kennet.

About 50 police officers, some mounted, reinforced by 70 security men hired by the Government's Highways Agency, were on hand to prevent disruption by a group of 40 protesters opposed to the by-

begin in a few weeks. Their present site on the banks of

the Lambourn will be obliterated by the supports of the bridge that will carry the bypass, due to be opened in-1998, over the river. English Nature the Gov-

ernment's conservation adviser, has given its blessing to the relocation of the snails, even though their new home will lie only 15 metres from the edge of the bypass. A special porous asphalt will reduce harmful spray from vehicles. Simon Festing, of Friends of the Earth, which has campaigned strongly against the bypass, said: "There is little chance the snails will survive in their new habitat. Where the snails live now is a complete micro-ecology with its own climate and temperature. It cannot be recreated in this crude way."

The environmental pressure group failed recently in an 11th-hour attempt to peran injunction suspending



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Scientists' report raises new fear for beef deal

THE safety of British beef byproducts was thrown into when the European Commission reported scientific doubts about the conditions under which Britain is to be allowed to resume exports after a hard-

fought agreement last month. Franz Fischler, the Agriculture Commissioner, reported that "the whole issue of gela-tine" was to be re-examined today by a new multi-disciplinary committee which was created to handle the BSE emergency. He was addressing the European Parliament after MEPs expressed their anger over the disclosure of an old Commission memo that reported an alleged decision to stifle news of the epidemic.

Although gelatine and tallow, the two main by-products, are not yet back on the export market, the fresh doubts about their safety are a blow to Britain because the decision to lift the ban on them was deemed a breakthrough in the campaign to end the whole embargo. Britain launched its non-cooperation campaign when EU officials initially refused to lift the ban. claiming the by-products could be infected. Germany and other European states have continued to insist on the possible risks from the byproducts despite the easing of the ban, taken after a narrow

majority supported the action.
Officials said a scientific committee had found evidence to suggest that gelatine could still carry the infective agent for BSE when treated at the temperatures imposed in the deal with Britain. Other meth-

Germany's refusal to ease any aspect of the beef embargo. Bonn is heading for a collision with the Commission and Britain over its continuing

Continuing passions over the beef affair were on display in the Strasbourg Parliament vesterday as Jacques Santer. President of the Commission. struggled to quell the indigna-tion of MEPs over the 1990 note in which a Brussels

6 It is possible that we will have to increase standards before allowing exports of by-products to resume ?

ods might have to be sought to neutralise the agent, they said. The issue is partly academic because there is no sign that the manufacturers of gelatine in Britain are close to meeting the standards we set in June." a Commission spokesman said. "But it is now possible that we will have to increase those standards before allow-

ing exports to resume."

The latest worry over the byproducts is certain to bolster

official reported an alleged decision to play down BSE disease through "disinforma-

inquiry had shown that the note, which was disclosed in France last month, gave a false account of a veterinary committee meeting in October 1990. Its author, Gilbert Castille, an official who has now retired, had been reflecting a personal bias in a low-

level report on the meeting. Mr Santer said. Other officials at the meeting had denied the truth of his account, he added.

Styling themselves the guardians of the European consumer. MEPs from every main group accused the Commission of sins ranging from incompetence to deliberate obfuscation because it had failed to lead an adequate campaign against BSE. The far-right French National Front likened the Commission to "one of history's great poisoners of humanity". The "mad cow" disease epidemic was the consequence of the lust for unrestricted free trade, one MEP

in angry mood, several par-ties called for an official inquiry, although it was unclear whether there was enough support for this.
The dominant Socialist

group said the note was "the quintessence of everything that the public finds wrong with the Commission."

Graham Watson, a British Liberal Democrat MEP. rounded on the British Government, saying "the cover-up of this issue has been the UK's

this, rather than chasing an

unattainable level of employ-

ment for all," Johannes Gross,

a German commentator, said.



The Pope takes a walk through a valley in the Dolomite mountains yesterday during a holiday break. He is spending the time at Lorenzago di Cadore, north Italy, and will not return to the Vatican until next Tuesday

Delors vision for jobs fails to get Europe on its bike

EUROPEAN EDITOR

SHORTLY before he retired, Jacques Delors had urged the leaders of the European Union to launch a crusade igainst unemployment before. the end of the century.

The former President of the European Commission carpet-bombed several summit meetings with fearsome graphs showing that both the United States and Asia create many more jobs than EU economies during both good times and bad. Europe should set itself a target, M. Delors said, of creating 15 million new jobs by 2000.

Although dribs and drabs of M Delors' ideas survive.

get Europe on its bike made no dent in the numbers. When M Delors rolled his ideas out. 11.5 per cent; it is almost exactly the same now. Eu-

rope's dole queue is 18-million people long.

ments slim their welfare states to qualify for European mone

tary union, a fatalistic mood

has taken over. Future societ-

M Delors failed for reasons which explain the latest jobgrowth figures published by the Organisation for Econom-

ic Cooperation and Development this week. European leaders such as Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, shy away from expensive public projects. Despite declarations that unemployment is a com-mon problem. EU govern-ments compete against each other to show that their policies best meet the need.

The award for the fastest growth rate goes to Ireland: 3 per cent last year. But the

ing fast and, the OECD says, unemployment there will be 12.2 per cent at the end of next year. Spain suffers from the same problem.

larger EU partners. The net job creation rate is high and looks set to remain so. Although the OECD has quar-relled with British methods of counting the unemployed in the past, it underwrites the Tory claim that Britain has the "lowest rate of unemployment in any major EU economy". Only Sweden, The Netherlands and Portugal are around the same level.

The UK does show pretty steady progress, and I don't see any sign of a downturn," Pam Meadows, director of the Policy Studies Institute, said of the new figures. "Germany and France don't get the same sort of job growth. Unemployment in those two countries ratchets itself upwards in each recession. France has seen very few new jobs for a long

my's output is high."

The political battle will be over whether inequality or unemployment is the greater danger to social stability in Europe. The OECD's Employment Outlook warns that inequality in Britain and America threatens their fabric. British and US politicians reply that an EU jobless rate real culprit.

time, even though the econo-

Málaga hit by fourth Eta bomb in four days

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID

A BOMBING campaign by the Basque separatist group Eta, intended to damage tourism in Andalusia, gathered pace yesterday with an explosion in a shopping centre in M<u>al</u>aga.

The attack, unlike previous Eta bombs, occurred without warning. The bomb, the eighth in the southern Spanish province in six days — and the fourth in Malaga since Saturday - exploded in a lavatory in a city centre gallery of shops. No one was injured and damage was

During its summer bomb-

ing campaign in Andalusia, Eta has also exploded bombs at the popular tourist resort of Almuñecar on the Costa de Sol, the parador at Jaen, and outside the Alhambra in Granada.

The Andalusia campaign is designed to create fear at a time when the region has thousands of foreign visitors. many from Britain

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Police yesterday defused an explosive device in Pamplona, a day before the Tour de France passes through the northern Spanish town. Eta has threatened to disrupt the bicycle race.



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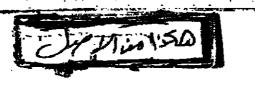
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Gore declares Yeltsin in good health at talks

PRESIDENT YELTSIN confounded speculation about his health by appearing his normal self when he met Al Gore, the US Vice-President, vesterday in the Barvikha sanatorium outside Moscow.

The mystery of why Mr Yeltsin had cancelled their meeting on Monday at an hour's notice, unsettling world stock markets, remained unsolved. Mr Gore diplomatically brushed it aside as a routine change of plan.

A bank of cameras studied the Russian President for any signs of ill health. But as the two men sat opposite each other and chatted for 45 minutes, Mr Yeltsin looked no worse than he has on many occasions over the past few years. He walked a little stiffly and was puffy in the face, but smiled broadly and spoke

"He looks very good to me," Mr Gore said afterwards, anticipating reporters' questions. "He seemed to be in good health, relaxed, smiling and seemed very actively engaged in the subjects we

discussed," the Vice-President said, adding that they had held an in-depth discussion on global and bilateral issues.

The cancelled meeting will now turn into just another of the mysterious episodes which have dogged Mr Yeltsin for the past three years and have persuaded some observers that he is seriously ill.

The press has not been able to see Mr Yeltsin in a spontaneous setting for almost a month. But in time-honoured Kremlin fashion, his aides have insisted only that he is very tired" after a stressful election campaign and is tak-ing a two-week holiday before his inauguration on August 9.

Mr Yeltsin's choice of a sanatorium as his holiday location however suggests that he is undergoing some kind of medical treatment and there is even speculation that he may undergo open-heart surgery some time later this year.

in an atmosphere of mutual cosiness Mr Gore warmly congratulated Mr Yeltsin on his election victory and on his "dancing technique", a reference to the Russian leader's lively performance on the campaign trail.

In response Mr Yeltsin said that it was a "common victory" for democracy. President Clinton made little secret of his support for Mr Yeltsin in the presidential election.

Many Russian liberal politicians had been hoping that Mr Gore would take a tough position on the recent military escalation in Chechenia and the bombing of villages. However his statement was vague; Mr Gore said only that he had urged Mr Yeltsin to restart the negotiation process and that he believed the issue could not be solved militarily.

Mr Gore said the details of

the discussions were confidential. "I believe that the interests of the Russian and Chechen people would be best served by a return to the ceasefire arrangement and to the conditions negotiated about a month ago," he said.

The situation in Chechenia has deteriorated further with the shooting by soldiers of at least 13 people in three cars on

the edge of Grozny on Monday night.

A crowd of women demonstrated outside the headquarters of the local Moscow-Government backed demanding that the perpetrators be punished.

Yesterday Anatoli Kulikov. the Russian Interior Minister, said that he had evidence that the two explosions on Moscow buses had been planned in Chechenia. He said his men had intercepted a telephone conversation in Chechenia hetween two men discussing the bombings. He added that the operation to attack separatist rebels would continue.

Mr Gore and Viktor Cher-nomyrdin, the Russian Prime Minister, who are co-chairmen of a joint commission on economic and scientific cooperation, signed 27 documents yesterday covering areas such as early warning about industrial and natural disasters, reducing emissions of "greenhouse gases", joint climatic research and construction of the international Alpha space station.



President Yeltsin and Vice-President Al Gore meet at a Moscow sanitorium yesterday

Ukraine leader survives car bomb

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN KIEV

UKRAINE's Prime Minister. Pavlo Lazarenko, escaped an assassination attempt with only slight injuries yesterday when a bomb exploded under

The blast occurred as Mr Lazarenko was on his way to Kiev airport. He was treated for a shoulder injury. Two guards in an accompanying car also suffered slight injuries, according to officials.

There was no claim of responsibility for the attack. An Interior Ministry official, who declined to be identified, said the bomb was planted in a drain and detonated by remote control as the car drove past. Police investigators said the bomb exploded while Mr Lazarenko's car was swerving to pass a passenger bus, which significantly diminished the impact of the explosion.

Mr Lazarenko left the capital an hour after the incident, travelling to the eastern city of Donetsk to negotiate with striking coalminers.



Aldrich: made security

Clinton employees were drug takers

THE Clinton Administration admitted yesterday that 21 employees were allowed to work at the White House even though their background checks showed recent or exten-

sive drug use.

At the insistence of the Secret Service, which guards the President, the 21 had to submit to a drug-testing programme. None tested positive. The programme was set up two years ago and nine of the 21 who are still at the White House continue to be subject to special testing.

The admissions verify concerns raised by Gary Aldrich. the former FBI agent at the White House who has just published a venomous book about President and Mrs Clinton and their aides. Mr Al-drich was in charge of checks for new employees and has asserted that their ranks included drug-takers among "Clintonites".

The issue is a gift for Republicans who can turn it into an election issue with bumper stickers along the lines of: "No more Druggies in the White House". Many Americans are unlikely to be sympathetic to the idea that recent drug-users can get jobs on the public payroll at the White House, which is supposed to exemplify national pride and dignity.

Mike McCurry, Mr Clinton's spokesman, emphasised that none of the 130 senior aides to the President was implicated. About 1,700 people work at the White House.

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Overdose boost for film from

FROM QUENTIN LETTS

dal and the arrival in Manhattan of a shipment of unusually deadly heroin seem to have assured success in America for the British film

Trainspotting.
The film, which portrays life among Edinburgh drug addicts, opens in New York this weekend. Its US distributor, Miramax, is speaking about takings of \$20 million (nearly £13 million).

There has not been as much interest bere in a British film since Four Weddings and a Funeral, although that could not have portrayed a more different picture of modern Britain. Trainspotting, which cost only \$2.5 million to make, has been seized on by the metropolitan media as the clever thing to like this **зиттет.**

An unpleasant rock music death last weekend did the film no harm. Jonathan Melvoin, a keyboard player touring with the hit group Smashing Pumpkins, dispatched himself by taking an overdose of a new type of heroin which has arrived in New York. It is called Red Rum (murder spelt backwards) and is 70 per cent pure. Melvoin's death has not caused a slump in the demand for drugs. On Manhattan's Lower East Side, described as the "world capital of heroin", there has been a sharp increase in the number of young people looking for the high-grade Red Rum. If it was strong enough to kill a rock musician, it must be

good, goes the theory. Amid such macabre excitement, Trainspotting should rocket. Anti-drugs campaigners have added to the prerelease hype by deploring the "glamorisation" of heroin. Dr Paul Salkin, of the Psychiatric Associates Treatment and Consultation Centre. said: "These movies have a powerful effect on susceptible adolescents and damaged

The first 20 minutes of the film's soundtrack were re-recorded to help US audiences to cope with the Scottish dialogue.



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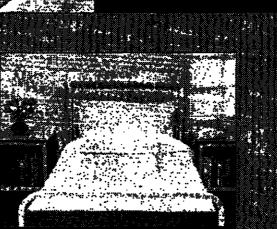
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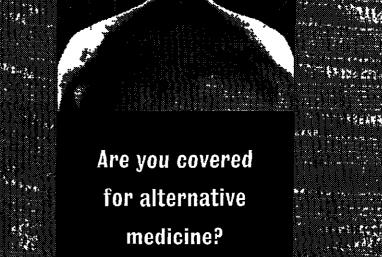
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Second mass grave in Bosnia to be opened this week

will open a mass grave this week at Nova Kasaba, in an area where up to 2,700 massacred Muslims are believed to have been hurriedly buried

after the fall of Srebrenica.

A test dig of the site last month revealed six bodies dumped on top of one another. two with their hands bound. one with its skull crushed. Madeleine Albright, the US Ambassador to the United Nations, said earlier this year that satellite photographs in-dicated up to 2.700 victims were buried in graves along a valley near Nova Kasaba, 19 miles northwest of Srebrenica.

The UN team hopes to have Cerska, near Srebrenica, by tomorrow, having opened up a mass grave there on Mon-day. So far the remains of 75 men have been exhumed from this first site, and investigators believe another 30 to 40 are still to be recovered there. Once all the bodies have been exhumed, they will be taken to a mortuary in Tuzla for identi-fication and examined by pathologists to gather further evidence for the war crimes tribunal in The Hague.

Between 3,000 and 8,000 men are believed to have been killed and buried in mass graves around eastern Bosnia after the formerly Muslim-majority town fell to the Serbs on July 11 last year.

"It will take months, years, to identify the bodies." Dr William Haglund, head of the UN team, said. "Many will never be identified."

The work is daunting. For one black American soldier serving with lfor, the international implementation force. patrolling the Cerska site proved too much as night fell. From Mississippi, he had voodoo beliefs and the fears aroused by the skulls and bones were something that no M16 could deal with. It was not until his sergeant, a Vietnam veteran, ordered him out of the sanctuary of a Humvee that he stood guard on the track above the bodies.

The Serbs in eastern Bosnia have their own cult of the dead. Villagers around Srebrenica still believe in



Anthony Loyd reports from Cerska on the grim tasks facing war crimes investigators uncovering the remains of thousands of Muslim victims

There is something deeply disturbing in finding bleached white skulls, bones and rags in the summer foliage at one's feet, and sensing the terror these individuals experienced. No war crimes investigation team seeks these bodies, as their presence is superfluous to the focus of the investigation on specific sites of execution, and it seems that for these dead there will be neither justice nor even a grave. One

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being exhumed at Cerska. At

Haglund: presides over

some point, this man had been bound with wire to a small

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Cerska are pragmatic and

Physicians for Human Rights,

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tion — archaeologists, doctors, anthropologists, pathologists,

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"These are the dead," Dr

works with sensitivity.

Boston-based organisation

The investigators digging at

team of specialists

hands and arms, and the multiple gunshot injuries to each corpse: last July, more than 100 Muslim civilian men were lined up at the edge of the track at Cerska and shot by Serbs standing behind them. Their bodies tumbled over the edge of the bank and were overed with earth. Dr Haglund, 53, a bearded American cuts an academic figure, wearing a shirt and tie whatever the heat. A magnifying glass and scissors swing from a chain round his neck. A

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small figure, he presides over his team with methodical punctiliousness. They, for their part, appear to do most of their work in silence. "They are used to digging mass graves," the doctor said. "Emotion may be put aside as they do their work, but they feel shocked with the terrifying thing: the circumstances of how these people were killed. We know they

were defenceless, many had wire tied around their hands, and that personalises it." The work is grim and laborious, and the team members claim never to lose their awareness of the smell. Hightech equipment helps them to map the site, but locating the exact positions of the bodies before exhumation is done with a metal probe. Almost 5ft long and topped with a T-bar handle, it is pushed into the ground, withdrawn and sniffed. "The smell just knocks you over sometimes," one investigator said. "You might push it 10cm one way and it's

just metal, then 10cm another

Peking is accused of 'cultural genocide'

By Michael Dynes

THE Dalai Lama, Tibet's exiled spiritual leader, yester-day accused China of conducting a policy of cultural genocide in its attempt to crush the Tibetan people.

The Buddhist leader, who is revered as a "God King" by six million Tibetans, told British MPs that his people "are being marginalised and discriminated against in the face of creeping Sinocisation".

Speaking at the invitation of the all-party Parliamentary Group for Tibet, the Dalai Lama said the oppression of Tibet was an issue of "colonial

The Dalai Lama said he was willing to hold talks with China on the future of Tibet. "As soon as there is a public indication from the Chinese Government, I am ready to negotiate without any precondition," he said.

But his appeal for "urgent intervention by the international community" prompted a swift rebuke from the Chinese authorities, who accused Britain of aiding and abetting attempts by the Buddhist leader to "split the motherland and undermine the ethnic harmony of China".

Cui Tiankai, a Chinese foreign affairs spokesman, said that the Dalai Lama's



The Dalai Lama at the House of Commons yesterday, where he urged the international community to help Tibet

which he will meet Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secre-tary, and Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary — would have "adverse effects

on Sino-British relations". Since the Chinese invasion in 1949, hundreds of thousands of Chinese have migrated to the Himalayan plateau. "The destruction of cultural artefacts and traditions, cou-

pled with the mass influx of Chinese into Tibet, amounts to cultural genocide," the Da-lai Lama said.

He told MPs that the "next few years will be crucial in bringing about negotiations between us and the Chinese Government. This was the only way to promote a peaceful settlement "and not, as China would have it, through

force, intimidation and popular transfer," he added.

The Dalai Lama said that Tibet was an ancient nation with a unique culture and civilisation which was disappearing fast. "In endeavouring to protect my nation from this catastrophe, I have always sought to be guided by realism, moderation and patience," he said. "However, it

has become clear that our efforts alone are not sufficient to bring the Chinese Government to the negotiating table. I am left with no other choice but to appeal to the international community for urgent intervention and action on behalf of my people," he

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Verona's silent tenor saved by voice-over

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

ITALIAN opera critics yesterday praised the Russian tenor Sergei Larin for miming a performance of Don José in Bizet's Carmen after losing his voice. He was rescued by a volunteer from the audience who sang the lyrics from the orchestra pit.

Larin, 39, was struck dumb with laryngitis at the end of the second act during the first night at the Roman Arena of Verona on Sunday. Some 15.000 people were watching the performance directed by Franco Zeffirelli.

A doctor gave the stricken

But after singing only a few notes, his affliction returned and he switched desperately into falsetto, bowing as the audience burst into sympathetic applause. A search for the stand-in revealed he had vanished - for dinner.

When all seemed lost, an American singer, John Horton Murray, came forward from the audience. "I know that part, I am going to sing it at the Metropolitan next au-turn, "Mr Murray, 34, said. And Carmen duly resumed.

Mr Murray said he had almost missed the opera after he was unable to find a hotel



Notat: her victory has angered leftwingers

Health job for Juppé ally

Paris: The "Iron Lady" of French unions, Nicole Notat. 48, yesterday outmanoeuvred presidency of the National Sickness Insurance Fund, one of the most powerful posts in the national health care system (Adam Sage

Mme Notat's moderate centre-left union ousted rivals from the post. Her victory enraged left-wing organisations but was welcomed by Alain Juppe, the Prime Minister, who sees her as an ally in his bid to cut the Fr48 billion (£6 billion) welfare

US death penalty attacked as racist

FROM PETER CAPELLA IN GENEVA AND TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

AMERICA is applying the death penalty in a racist. wanton and freakish" manner, and offenders facing capital punishment are not assured of a fair trial, a respected group of indepen-dent judges and lawyers said in Geneva yesterday.

In America, the report drew swift reaction from the black civil rights movement, which said it exemplified a lack of political will in the Clinton Administration to deal with the issue of the death penalty.

The Geneva report, drawn mission of Jurists after a factfinding mission to America earlier this year, says growing public pressure to clamp down on crime through capital punishment is increasing the chance of miscarriages of justice. It says 82 per cent of delendants, are accused of murdering whites, and far the majority are poor. It adds that 40 per cent of those executed between 1973 and 1995 were of African-American, Hispanic,

or American Indian origin.

The four senior jurists, from

Australia, India, Nigeria and Sweden, who conducted the mission, say they were particularly disturbed by the political motivations of judges and district attorneys. In the 36 states where capital punishment is enforced, these officials "are elected quite often on the basis of their performance or promise of rigorously seeking out the death penalty".
The report continues: "The

mission finds that the prospect of elected judges bending to political pressures in capital punishment cases is both real principle of fair and impartial

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Speaking from New York, Kica Matos of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People, said: "This report is absolutely correct. The death penalty in the United States is about race. arbitrariness and economic status. You rarely find a rich white person on death row and the Administration is doing absolutely nothing to change matters because this is an election year."

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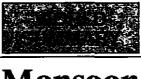


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Monsoon flooding kills 200

Gawahati, India: Flooding and landslides have killed up to 200 people and made about 2.2 million homeless in northeast India and north Bangladesh, and monsoon rains are continuing to lash the region, officials said yesterday.

Officials in the Indian tea and oil-rich state of Assam said two weeks of flooding had claimed 23 lives there and forced 1.7 million people from

their homes. In the eastern sector of West Bengal state, at least 70 people have been killed and 350,000 made homeless by floods or

Rebel MiG pilot defects to Kabul

mudslides, (Reuter)

Kabul: A pilot from the rebel Taleban Islamic militia, which is fighting to topple the Afghan Government, has defected to government forces with a missile-armed MiG21 jet. Abdul Jalil, who said he was the deputy commander of the Taleban air force, has now been promoted to the rank of lieutenant-general. The Taleban forces have been besieg-ing Kabul, the Afghan capital since last October. (Reuter)

Saddam family members 'held'

Cairo: In a struggle within lrage ruling family, President Saddam Hussein has detained a nenhew and out a son-in-law under house arrest, the Tehran-based Supreme Council for Islamic Revolution in Iraq. said. The claim follows a reported coup attempt last month in which at least 50 officers were arrested. (AP)

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Bombay: Ciprian Manolescu, 17. a Romanian, beat 429 teenagers from 75 countries to top the 37th International Mathematical Olympiad with a perfect score, the organisers announced here. (Reuter)

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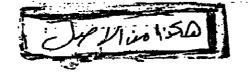
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Rollercoaster politics leaves Arkansas gasping at Governor's long goodbye



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Tucker: finally kept his promise to resign

IN WANHINGTON AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

IN A series of reversals, stunning even by the chaotic standards of Arkansas politics, President Clinion's Democratic successor as state Governor effectively held the office hostage, was threatened with impeachment and finally kept his

promise to resign.

Governor Jim Tucker, one of three Clinton associates to have been found guilty of fraud and conspiracy in the first Whitewaterrelated trial, had promised he would stand down this week as required by the Arkansas constitu-

to be sworn in on Monday as only the third-ever Republican chief executive, however, Mr Tucker shocked the general assembly with a letter that said he was leaving office only temporarily, pending the outcome of an appeal on his

He said Mr Huckabee would be installed as acting governor only until the appeal was complete, while he himself would take disability leave. Mr Tucker said his conviction would be overturned once it had been publicly acknowledged that, during the course of his trial, a female member of the jury

tion. Five minutes before Lieuten-ant-Governor Mike Fluckabee was Governor had denied clemency on Governor had denied elemency on a 40-year sentence for cocaine possession in 1992.

"I don't know how I would explain two weeks from now if the elimination of the verdict would eliminate the reason for my resig-nation," said Mr Tucker. "I know there are people who will say, 'You ought to get this over with and not allow it to go on any longer. But I don't think that is in the best interest of the people of Arkansas."

Mr Tucker then sent a further letter from his office in which he withdrew his original resignation altogether, forcing Mr Huckabee, who described the incident as a "very critical moment for Arkan-sas", to announce that he would old of the White House and dented begin impeachment proceedings against the Governor if he did not relinquish his position immediately. Finally, Mr Tucker issued a handwritten statement that he

would resign without condition.
But his decision not to step aside quietly only focused American minds once more on the bizarre politics of Mr Clinton's home state, the issue of Whitewater and whether Mr Tucker is merely a victim of presidential politics.

The convictions of Mr Tucker and Jim and Susan McDougal, the Clintons' partners in the failed Whitewater land venture, had

the President's poll ratings for several weeks. The spectacle in Little Rock will only renew interest in both Mr Tucker and his links to the Clintons

Scenes of frenzy in the Arkansas assembly came only hours before the President gave a television interview in which he maintained the Whitewater investigation had been "highly politicised" and had produced no evidence that either he or his wife, Hillary, were involved

in any criminal activity. "This has gotten a lot of exhaustive attention, perhaps more than it deserves, and every reading of the

any wrongdoing by either one of us," Mr Clinton said.

Appearing on MSNBC, the new cable and Internet news service, Mr Clinton added: "I think the American people are fair-minded. They've heard a lot more negative than positive."

Taking questions from the interviewer, Tim Brokaw, callers and email via the Internet, Mr Clinton also praised his Republican rival, Bob Dole, for his integrity,

"I believe he really loves our country. He was hurt very badly in the Second World War. He could have been embittered. He could have walked away."

Netanyahu eases West Bank curbs before Cairo visit

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

THE Israeli Government yesterday announced plans to ease the 19-week blockade of the West Bank and Gaza Strip which has kept tens of thousands of Palestinians from their jobs and caused widespread economic hardship.

The move, announced after a Cabinet meeting in Jerusalem, was seen as a sweetener in advance of Binyamin Netanyahu's first trip as Prime Minister to the Arab world tomorrow, when he will hold crucial talks with President Mubarak in Cairo. This will be followed next week by talks in Jordan with King

The Cabinet statement yesterday did not give details of how the restrictions — imposed after a string of lethal suicide bomb attacks — would be lifted, saying only that the move was intended "to allevi-

Jassalem: Israelis have been

stanned by publication of

official salary figures show-

ing that career army officers.

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and austere heroes, are in fact

spectacularly well paid (writes

by the Finance Ministry

under Dan Meridor, the new

right-wing minister, to silence

a near-mutiny within the

forces over draconian cuts in

defence spending. These are

part of the new Government's

attempt to slash nearly 5 bil-

lion shekels (about £1 billion)

The salaries were divulged

to the Knesset's influential

Foreign Affairs and Defence

Committee during a session

in camera. They show that a

major-general earns about

from the annual budget.

The figures were released

Christopher Walker).

ate the economic distress of the Palestinians". Political sources said the move was in line with Mr Netanyahu's policy of improving Palestinian living conditions, while denying them any chance of self-

determination According to government officials, once the closure has been lifted completely, half the 200,000 foreign workers now employed in Israel will be expelled. The foreigners have upset many Jews for a number of reasons, ranging from their liaisons with Jewish women to the Thai workers' supposed habit of hunting and eating domestic animals.

Some of the restrictions were lifted in recent weeks to allow several thousand middle-aged, married Palestinian workers to return to their jobs in Israel. In peak times, more than 100,000 people from the

£5.500 a month, about five

times the Israeli average. On

retirement, which can be as

early as 42, a major-general

receives grants equivalent to £280,000, according to the

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occupied West bank and Gaza Strip worked in Israel.

Diplomats predicted after the election of Mr Netanyahu that he would lift the closure imposed by his Labour predecessor, Shimon Peres, both to try to improve living conditions for Palestinians, many of whom are on the breadline, and also because his Likud Party regarded the closure as indirectly defining boundaries for a potential Palestinian state, which it opposes. Shortly before lifting of the

closure was announced, Yassir Arafat, the President of the Palestinian Authority, snubbed Mr Netanyahu's senior political adviser, Dore Gold, who had attempted to arrange a meeting with him. Officials of the Palestine Liberation Organisation said Mr Arafat rejected the contact because he did not want Mr Netanyahu to exploit contacts with the Palestinians to ease what are expected to be tough introductory talks with the Egyptian leader.

On the eve of Mr Netanyahu's planned visit, already condemned in advance by Egyptian journalists, Amr Moussa, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, said that "dangerous consequences" would refrom Israel's determination to abandon the formula of "land for peace". At a Cairo summit last month, 21 members of the Arab League warned Israel that steps to normalisation could be reversed if there was no

progress in peace talks. above the standard Israeli Israeli security sources yes terday told the Tel Aviv daily In an effort to hit back, the military insists that the fig-Haaretz that Palestinian anures have been deliberately ger at the Government's new inflated and that true earnhardline policy had already provoked popular activity ings are lower. A majorgeneral, the army claims, against Israeli forces in the could receive a lump sum of occupied lands. "As of yet, only £64.000 on retirement there is not an intifada," the and then a monthly pension sources said, "but there is ferment in the field."



Chinese commander visits Hong Kong

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY

IN HONG KONG

IN THE first visit to Hong Kong by a senior Chinese military officer, General Liu Zhenwu, who will be the commander of the incoming garrison when the British Army leaves in less than a year, yesterday began a three- been aiming at for the past two day tour inspecting military

Major-General Bryan Dutton. Commander British Forces in Hong Hong, who was General Liu's guest in May, said: 'This is a very significant trip, representing the continuing liaison we've years." It is expected that the future Chinese garrison will consist of about 9,000 troops. the same size as the British force until it was reduced recently to 3,000.

General Liu. 50, said he was happy to be in Hong Kong and extended greetings to

experienced infantry commander but does not speak English. Observers view him as competent and profession-al; in the Chinese Army. where all officers are Communist Party members, this means he has not made significant ideological mistakes.

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Kashmir killings set back tourism

FROM COOM! KAPOOR IN DELHI

INDIA'S hopes of restoring order to the troubled state of Kashmir have been set back by the murder of six Indian tourists in Srinagar, its summer capital.

The tourists, from the western Indian state of Rajasthan, were staying in a houseboat on Dal Lake. They were abducted by masked gunmen who later released three women, a child and two Kashmiri boatmen. The male tourists were kept hostage and later shot in the head.

The killings will frustrate attempts to revive tourism in the state, which has been plagued by insurgency for more than seven years. The Indian Government had hoped to restore normality in the area, where militants are fighting to establish a separate

Tourism was once the economic mainstay of the scenic valley, which is surrounded by the snowcapped Himalayas. During the insurgency most hotels have been closed or occupied by Indian troops, but in the past year tour operators had wooed some adventurous holidaymakers back to what was the favourite holiday destination for Indians.

The latest killings were the first instance of Indian tourists being shot. But in the past two months militants have killed 12 Nepali labourers and a group of 11 construction workers from Bihar state. It is still uncertain whether live wes ern hostages who were abducted in Kashmir a year ago are still alive.

A so-called militant co-ordination group, made up of all the state's main separatist factions, issued a statement last week requesting a ban on excursions in Kashmir. It said tourism did not go well with the struggle to free the region from Indian rule. More than a dozen groups are fighting Delhi's rule in India's only Muslim-majority state.



The price of a haircut divides the sexes but it may be a snip closer soon

New York at equality's cutting edge

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

ONE OF the great inequalities between the sexes may soon be ended in New York. The city intends to ban hairdressers from charging women more than men to have their regular wash and blow dry. The cost of a woman's hairdo, a

source of bemusement to husbands across the world, was investigated by New York's department of consumer affairs. Its undercover agents discovered that hair salons regularly charged women some 20 per cent more than men for near-identical treatments.

A half-inch cut, wash and blow dry at Natalie's Unisex parlour in mid-Manhattan, for instance, cost \$31 (£20) for a woman and \$19 (£12) for a man. That compares with an average in Britain of about £16 for a woman and £10 for a man.

In a survey conducted by the charging more to clean women's

department, 50 per cent of hairdress-ers raised their prices for women. As a result, the city council will in September debate a law which bans tonsorial "gender price discrimina-tion". The law may at first be enforceable only in unisex establishments, but a test case could make life

interesting for some women-only hair salons.

The New York Times recently reported the arrival of the \$500 (£320) hairdo, courtesy of the Frederic Fekkai salon. Mr Fekkai, deft with compliments and possessed of a spray-on smile, has bookings for the next year, but his charges are about \$450 in excess of the top rate for

There was a similar move some years ago against discrimination at dry cleaners, which were found to be shirts than men's. The habit has now been stopped.

Michael Obadia, a hairdresser in the Trump Tower, suggested that the difference in prices reflected the greater difficulty of cutting a wom-an's hair. "It is a style, an image, a look, a projection," he said. "There are so many styles for women." He predicted that prices for women would not drop but instead rise for men. Another cutter, requesting anonymity, said women were charged more because they talked more while having their hair done, thus taking up more time.

Women's salons also have a greater number of assistants to tip. Lucy Nathanson, an architectural assis tant, said yesterday: "You have to give five bucks to the washer, the setter, the cutter and maybe the doorman. It gets kind of dear."

Beer advert whips up a tribal storm in US

By Quentin Letts

NATIVE Americans are angry about a British advertisement for Budweiser beer which, they say, stereotypes the image of the "drunken Indian". The television commercial

shown only on British screens, features a bar full of Indians. The driver of a cement lorry walks in, his face covered in white dust, and the bar quietens. Only when the man douses himself in water to show an Indian visage underneath the ghostly "pale face" does the conversation in

the bar resume. Native Americans criticised the advertisement and called on Budweiser's American owner, Anheuser-Busch, to

film was made by its London advertising agency. DDB Needham. Stanley Knick, director of the Native American Resource Centre in Pembroke, North Carolina, said yesterday: "People will be for the American beer, so far offended and troubled by the closeness to the stereotype of the drunken Indian that has plagued the United States since the last century." It was an image fostered by 19th century American literature

Suzan Shown Harjo, a leading member of the Cheyenne tribe, said: "From driving a truck that uses Native American imagery to furthering the impression that Indian people are so closely linked to booze - it's just a continuareconsider its suitability. The tion of the stereotype."



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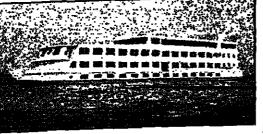
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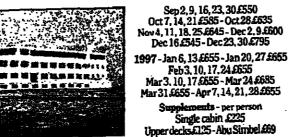


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aul Frith is welcomed to the mainstream market by fashion editor Iain R. Webb



"IT'S far more difficult to design for a high street store than for my own label because I can do more or less anything I want for my own catwalk collection." says fashion designer Paul Frith as he unveils the collection of just under 20 pieces he has produced for the Bhs chain. He is the latest designer to be tempted by the mainstream market and the challenge has paid off.

Frith has already produced a pre-Christmas collection for the company and has begun working on another to go into the stores in spring 1997. Both he and Bhs seem pretty pleased with the results. "The association with a high street store is an opportunity to put my clothes on the backs of more people, says Frith.

We had sponsored Paul's collections for the past two seasons so the capsule collection marks a natural progression," says Sheena MacDonald, the design director at Bhs. The company is committed to supporting new design talent and for the past two years has sponsored a graduate fashion week. From the wealth of home-grown talent Frith, it seems, was an easy choice. "His style matches our own," says

CERTAINLY Frith's brand of easy glamour has made-him popular with Vogue magazine, a fact which can't have gone unnoticed with the team designing for sophisticated women, says Anna Harvey, the deputy editor of Vogue, women who like clean lines. simple tailoring and beautiful approach.

Which is exactly what he has given Bhs — a collection of no-nonsense pieces with a classy touch. The original brief was not very specific," flavour of what I do. I am more concerned with shape than detail. I want women to think, hey, this is a great jacket, pair of pants, or dress, I wanted to make a collection of clothes which totally work together.

For this first collection Frith is black except for one or two little tops in white - the complete appposite of his own mainline collection for this summer which is predomi-nantly cream and white with a few bright highlights. This was an attempt to give the collection a very definite image. a sophisticated look. Black is the favoured colour of



very high street to go for the colours of the moment," he

Without colour, fabric became important and was the starting point for his designs. Frith told them which fabrics he wanted to use - an assortment of satins, taffetta, wool, jersey rib and stretch velour - and the Bhs team sourced them from their manufacturers. This immediately kept costs down and enables the store to price Frith's designs for little more than \$10

- dresses average E55 and jackets cost around E80. Not bad for a designer item.

Dresses are important. "I have simply interpreted them for a wider market," he says. "A shaped jacket isn't cut quite as severely as I might, but it still follows my line. I wanted to make heautiful garments which were, within the confines of price and profile, as close as possible to clothes I would produce myself." What Frith has also done is to afford Bhs a fresh eye and a

rubbing off. Already there is talk of certain of his styles being incorporated into the main Bhs line later in the

"In the past there was an inconsistency of handwrit-ing," says Madeline Moran, a womenswear design consul-tant, who worked closely with Frith on the project. "We were all over the place. There would be a great look next to a nasty polyester blouse. Having him on the team made everyone fcel special."



Jersey rib shirt, £35; satin bra, from a selection at Bhs;



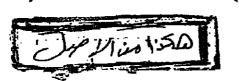


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The man who has given his life to love and Africa

Mary Riddell meets the legendary wildlife film-maker Alan Root

o date, Alan Root has had a large segment of his leg torn off by a 30st gorilla his bottom chewed by a leopard and his arm readjusted by an angry hippopotamus. He also lost a finger, and almost his life, when he was bitten by a puff adder.

And who, you are wondering, is Alan Root, or what remains of him? Imagine a venerable Indiana Jones in wire-rimmed spectacles.

His talent as a wildlife film-maker rivals or exceeds that of Cousteau or Attenborough. His Survival Special programmes have won him countless awards and made £43 million for Anglia Television, and his disdain for publicity is as legendary as his talent. Who else, for heaven's sake, could get an Oscar nomination for a film about an anthill?

We meet in a London hotel, where Root - tanned, scarred and sixtyish - sips whisky and looks as out of place as a rhino at a garden party. Just back from a decade filming in the uncharted rainforests of Zaire (a habitat he clearly

finds more congenial), he is here to talk about his new film. A Space In The Heart Of Africa, which will be screened next Wednesday on

"It was a boyhood dream. I grew up in East always

seemed wilder and more exciting. But I left it until late, because I knew it would take up to ten years to get all those strange, rare creatures."

Root's odyssey is an extraordinary story on two levels. The first is the sheer size of the problems he had to overcome. He travelled by plane and trail bike, and when the roughest paths ran out, he walked.

His targets were animals so rare that some had never been seen before. The catlike fishing genet had been identified only by bones found 30 years ago until Root tracked it down and filmed it.

Finding the Congo peacock, last seen 50 years ago, demanded four days' trek by motorbike and a further two on foot before Root found a Zairean who knew the species. "He said: 'Oh yes, I ate one of those a while

Born in London and evacuated in the war to Wiltshire, Root's early passion for bird-watching was a modest training for the problems he was to encounter after his family moved to Kenya and he, self-taught, began his film career.

On the latest expedition, he was bitten by a snake ("only medium-venomous"), crashed his Cessna fourseater (no one hurt but the wheels and wings were ripped off"), and ended up clinging to a plank of wood and his motorbike when a bridge broke underneath him.

The crocodile-infested river ran 30ft below, and help took an hour to arrive, but Root, although horrified at the thought of losing his work, was calm in the knowledge that he again faced death. I suppose I am a compulsive risk-taker. But any of the animals which have bitten me in the past could have killed me, and none of them did. Really, they were saying 'Shove off'. I'm not fearful, because taking risks is part of the job, and anyway. I wouldn't mind dying that way. I'd rather not, but it wouldn't be a horrible way to die."

But death, or fear of it, overshadowed the making of his film. The second level of Root's extraordinary story is the fact that he undertook the last part of his crusade knowing that his wife might not survive its completion.

Several years ago, he and his first wife. Joan - with whom he ran safaris - divorced. "We were together too much - never out of each other's sight and sound. Plus I was totally self-centred and never thought about the relationship."
Shortly afterwards, he remarried.

Jenny was a local potter whose work he had admired for years. She had also been told, not long before their wedding, that she had leukaemia and 18 months to live. "She's been just incredible. She's

not well now, and it's been very hard for her. I have much more admiration for her sort of toughness than for mine. I was worried about her health, but I had to get through the Zaire project - so much

> invested in it, and it was something I had wanted to do for all of my life. "I was commuting insanely; flying back and forth from Nairobi to Zaire in my small

money had been

couldn't just turn my back on. It will probably be my

last major film." As always, he filmed, produced and edited his work, as well as writing the script and choosing his favourite actor, Ian Holm, to read it. He so disliked the production of a film on the Galapagos, narrated by the Duke of Edinburgh, that he demanded full control of his Survival programmes and resigned when he did not get it.

oot spent two years with the BBC before the telegram arrived from his former employers. "Lassie, Come Home," it said. And he did. Now, years on. he is at last going home; this

time for good. From now on, he will live with Jenny in their home on the outskirts of Nairobi, grateful that millions of people have seen his Africa, while he has had his years of solitude. "I hate actually showing the country to people. I used to run photographic safaris, and I never liked having the paying dudes along."

If tourists were tiresome, Hollywood seemed worse. He consented to do only one film, Gorillas in the Mist, on the understanding that his sequences would be filmed in a separate country where he could work alone with his animals.

Root's ultimate fulfilment was to track down the unseen and the elusive. It was less a dream than an obsession, and it has left him at last. He will never again work to the same pitch, and he will not mourn it. "I've done my bit for posterity, if that doesn't sound too grand. I'm not burning to get on to the next job any more, and a lot of that is being married to Jenny. I have found at last that there is something more important then work."

He, after all, merely filmed survival. She, against all the odds,



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Close encounter: Alan Root relaxes on an African photo safari



Fine focus: Root takes a close-up shot of one of his wildlife subjects



Handle with extra care: a crocodile is caught for the camera

Siamese twins present a unique dilemma

The loneliest people alive

t is not simply for their rarity that Siamese twins attract national attention. They awaken a macabre curiosity in those who contemplate them, a fascinated horror at the thought of a future faced as part of an indissoluble pair. In a culture which believes in the uniqueness of human personality, a being that is more than one and yet less than two can be seen as a marvel of nature or a metaphysical insult.

Their eerie interpenetration encapsulates the drama of individual life, the struggle for freedom of self against the demands of society. Siamese twins encompass the ambigu-ities of a parodoxical world, they illustrate Coleridge's "warring contraries of life". constantly invading and re-pelling each other. They rep-resent the puzzling play of harmony and interfusion against discord and separ-

History tells of several celebrated pairs of Siamese twins. There were the Biddenden maids, Mary and Eliza Chulkhurst. They lived in Kent in the early years of this century and when they died they left 20 acres of land, part of the rent of which was to be spent each year distributing cakes baked in their image to itinerants who passed through the village. There were the two sisters, Millie Christine, born in North Carolina in 1851. Millie sang soprano and Christine contralto, while they accompanied themselves on the guitar. The Godino brothers, who were born in the Philippines in 1908, became proficient at

swimming, tennis and golf. But the popular term Siamese twins orginates from the celebrated brothers, Chang and Eng. who were born in Siam (now Thailand) in 1811. Joined at the base of their chests by a thick, fleshy ligament they lived a "normal" life until the age of 13 when, spotted by a shrewd Scottish trader, they were tempted over to America. For 15 years they were exhibited in fairs and sideshows all over the United States under the banner lusus naturae - the sport

and Eng seemed mentally as well as physically indivisible. They referred to themselves in letters as "I". What one disliked eating, the other rejected. When one felt satiated, the other did too. They would fall ill together and then recover, both on the same day. Eventually they married two sisters and organising their lives as their mother had taught them - taking it in turns week by week to take control of what they would do - they would visit their separate wives and homes. Between them they fathered 21 children.

But after their marriages, each began to feel the other an albatross about his neck. Chang would irk his brother by sitting up all night playing poker. He took to whisky and his brother — who was teeto-tal — would find himself chained in uncomfortable proximity to a violent drunk.
In addition to this they began to find their life as exhibits repugnant. Where audiences had found them charming in their youths, they found them in middle age increasingly risible and repulsive. The twins consulted a surgeon about separation, but were warned that it would result in their deaths.

Chang eventually grew in-creasingly ill. Partially paralysed by a stroke, he had to be dragged around by his brother. Finally, Eng woke up one night feeling sick. His twin lay chill and dead beside him. He drew his brother into his arms. "May the Lord have mercy on my soul," he said, before leaning back on his pillows he too died. They were buried beneath a double

In a modern era, Chang



RACHEL CAMPBELL-JOHNSTON

and Eng could easily have been separated. They, like the majority of conjoined twins. were united only by their body walls. But sometimes the connection is visceral. The twin girls born in Glasgow last week shared both a heart and a liver. In cases like this, a painful moral dilemma arises. Parents and surgeons must choose whether to leave the twins to grow up intact, or whether one should be sacrificed so that the other can live.

This was the case with the Hensel sisters, who live in a small town in the American Midwest. Sharing a bloodstream and all organs from

which leads to severe disablement and, often, a life confined to a wheelchair. Such mutilations seem sad as a ruin. The Biddenden Maids sagely refused to be separated. "As we came together, so shall we go together," they

The civilised world is outraged by the very suggestion of the fairground freakshow. Yet we roll up to marvel at the wonders of science. Though their stories are often dressed up as tales of parental love and fortitude, conjoined twins, in certain cases, seem to have become exhibits for the demonstration of modern medical magic. They have become surgical sideshows.

The ethical dilemma in cases in which children are born critically impaired is less that of whether the severely handicapped have a right to life, as whether parents have a right to choose for their children a life of crippling

In nature, there are no authentic records of a double mammal having survived into adulthood in the wild state. Only reptiles and fish have survived in this way. The parents of the conjoined sisters born in Glasgow made a generous and humane though undoubtedly painful - decision, when they decided that their children should not be separated. After a serious deterioration of condi-



the waist down, to have separated them at birth would almost certainly have resulted

Now six years old and inseparably linked, they live apparently happy and healthy lives. They use humour to outface the problems they encounter in their almost unimaginably intimate lives.

They are two very different people in character, with different opinions, tastes and dreams. Undoubtedly their bravery and determination has much to teach about the strength and power of human co-operation. But their future as they reach puberty will hold severe trials. The tragic words of a pair of conjoined twins in Russia ring a cruel knell: "We are the loneliest people alive," they

Yet even if separation can be guaranteed safe, the dilemmas posed are still harrowing. Multiple surgery sends a child out on a pathway of pain tion, the twins were taken off ventilation. The parents allowed their daughters to die with the dignity which a human being deserves.

IT SEEMS possible that Diana. Princess of Wales, though divested of the title HRH, resigned the patronage of more than one hundred charities last night in an imperious fit of pique. If so, the Queen of Hearts is casting aside her caring role in as cavalier a fashion as she relinquished her regiments. It is telling that she should have retained her more material roval regalia - her brooches and bracelets, pearls and

Would it be cynical to suggest that her interest in these charities was purely a matter of image all along? If so, perhaps Relate, the marriage guidance counselling service, will not be alone in breathing a sigh of relief to have lost so inappropriate a



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■ Do I scent, at long last, a whiff of literary celebrity?

The moving finger writes; and, having writ, moves on. Which is to say that had that resonant line been writ today. and had its encompassing poem been as successful as it was yesterday, then Edward Fitzgerald's finger would immediately have moved on to nationwide chains of Khayyam Kutprice Karpet warehouses, Khayyam Kosy Karavanserai motels, and Khayyam InKar Kwiksnax outlets, where the peckish driver could enjoy a drive-in flask of wine and loaf of bread without even getting out

from behind the wheel.

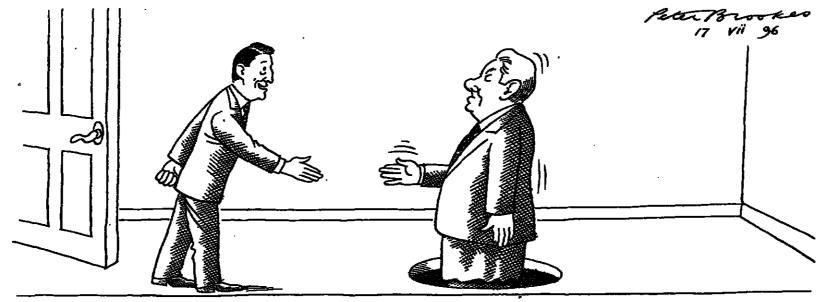
For literature itself has moved on, and if, in 1996, a book is to be worth writing, it has to end up as far more than a mere halfpound of assorted syllables gummed down one edge. It has to be the fulcrum of a hundred lucrative spin-offs, and not simply films or television series or Lloyd Webber musicals and their Original Cast Albums either, it has to do everything it commercially can, from launching itself at Christmas as a hilarious board game for funlovers from nine to ninety, to endorsing a fabulous range of pret-a-porter cocktail frocks for the fashionable bibliophile. These days, when we literary theorists speak of a core text, we mean that dull little oblong thing which sets

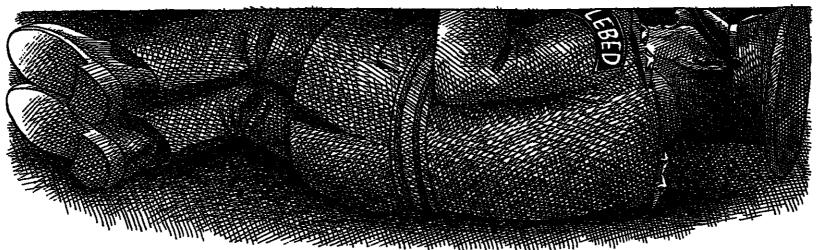
the whole glittering ball rolling.

Our scene now shifts, as the more pulsefingering booklovers among you may al-ready have guessed, to Provence. Well, to a sort of Provence: the sort of Provence where a major typist can sit in the sun, drink in, along with a chilled bottle or three of Bandol blanc, the wondrous world about him — its skies, its hills, its fields, its rivers, its villages, its incomparable flora and fauna, its myriad people - reflect deeply for a couple of moments, and then, dropping his eyes to his lap-top, begin banging out a book which bears hardly any resemblance at all to the reality he has just been observing, in order to commend itself to four million paying customers who require only that their fantasies be vindicated. This accomplished, and the result faxed to his publishers, the typist has only to sit back again and wait for the lucrative offs to start spinning, from sitcoms and pinnies to Weekend Provençal Breaks (in association with Another Newspaper) and Dream Provençal Cottages To Be Won (in associ-ation with Another Newspaper Still). And now, as we heard yesterday, to a

fragrance. For the great French parfumier Fragonard - no relation to the painter as far as I know, but you can't be sure of anything these days, art may be just the same as liter-ature, you can probably buy Van Gogh ear-plugs — has just launched a scent called A Year In Provence, endorsed from New York, where he now shrewdly lives, by Mr Mayle, to whom numerous smells were flown for his approval, possibly, I'm only guessing, with a little input from his accountant, too. Niffed, it apparently evokes Provence, and I say OK, fine, goodbye and good luck to it: for I now have other fish to fry.

n order to incorporate them into my own forthcoming perfume. For I, those with uneven plano legs may recall, once wrote a book called A Year in Cricklewood. It did not, sadly, generate any spin-offs at all: no tabloid offered Weekend Cricklewood Breaks or Dream Cricklewood Cottages, there were no glossy Cricklewood Calendars or Traditional Cricklewood Recipe Cards, no ranges of Authentic Cricklewood Peasant Smocks, no Extra Virgin Cricklewood Olive Oil - nothing but a book in a window waiting stoically to be reduced from £12.95. I now know where we both went wrong. For while. I have to concede, there might be the odd promotional headache when it comes to pushing Cricklewood cuisine, or Cricklewood couture, or Cricklewood wines. or even romantic holidays on the sunsoaked Cricklewood Riviera, there is no question but that Cricklewood exudes an irresistible fragrance all its own: a subtle blend of cod-batter and diesel, of teeming skip and doggy verge, of squattered walkway and shredded tyre, of sun-dried lager and cloven binliner, of a thousand other more elusive constituents of that peripolitan perfume which few can sniff without the tears coming to their eyes. especially if the wind is blowing off Kilburn. I shall ring Fragonard forthwith. I may become a literary giant yet.





AL GORE MEETS BORIS YELTSIN

Zulu lessons for Ulster

nother summer and another "marching season". The strangled accents of Ulstermen trading insults rasp across the radio waves. History that elsewhere rests with Guy Fawkes and the King of Spain's Beard is here recalled with the thud of a bomb and the crack of an Armalite. Ulster returns each year to remind Britons of politics as original sin. How

we would love to get shot of the place.

This year, even the incorrigible optimist must accept that a policy pursued for 20 years has collapsed. The policy is that of reform through direct rule. The present Prime Minister, John Major, has been its bravest and most determined advocate so far. He has tested it to destruction. But there can be no argument. The policy has not worked. The petrol bombs and barricades, the shootings and hysteria, the raucous of the past week are a stain on Britain's good name. The policy is finished, useless, dead. We have only its ghostly echo. Mr Major incanting on Panorama the umpteenth appeal to "centre opinion". and promising to "try and try and try again". Try what? Talk about talks . . . round-table negotiation . . . reconciliation ... power-sharing ... hope? Give us

If a ruler has one obligation to the ruled, it is that of intelligence. British policy in Ulster is no longer intelligent. Direct rule has failed because, almost from the start in 1974, it removed from its foundations the one pre-requisite for success: the evolution of mature local leaders to take on the responsibilities of self-rule. Without that leadership there could be no local democracy. Without democracy there could be no consent to the sacrifices and disciplines necessary for an end to inter-communal violence. This is the First Law of Political

Dynamics, and Britain has broken it. Look across the world, from Palestine's East Bank to the shanty-towns of Natal, from the suburbs of Sarajevo to the favelas of Sao Paolo, and you will see no more glaring example of this law in action (or inaction) than last week in the fields of Drumcree. A British police chief with the might of a modern army at his back had to lead a phalanx of tribal primitives in hats and sashes across a patch of territory held sacred by their no less primitive foes hurling obscenities at them. This was not Papua New Guinea or upper Amazonia. This was 1990s Britain. These people have

Only democracy can exorcise this tribal conflict — as it has done in Natal

social security numbers. Their children have league-table educations. But what did their rulers immediately argue about? Who tipped the wink to whom in the line of command so as to escape blame. Drumcree was a nadir in British public administration, a Field of the Cloth of Shame.

British colonial rule, which is what Northern Ireland has had for 20 years, has long been an ideological tussle between concepts of direct and indirect rule. Advocates of the latter, associated with the great Lord Lugard, held that good administration could only be sus-tained by building on local leadership.

lords of the Punjab or the emirs of Kano the sultans of the Straits and you might as well go back to Surrey. Consent to British sovereignty had to be rooted in institutions and leaders on the ground. Sustain

them and sovereignty was secure. Displace them and you could rule only through force, and not for long. Lugard won this argument and the British Empire outshone all rivals. Where he lost, as in Kenya, the outcome was bloody and tragic.

Last week there was much talk in London about the success of Nelson Mandela's Government in building political stability in the ruins of apartheid South Africa. Its greatest test has been in Natal, where the Zulu Inkatha party and the local African National Congress had engaged in inter-communal butchery for years. This did not stop with the arrival of democracy, but it is diminishing fast. At last month's elections, party leaders supported by local businesses pleaded for a renunciation of violence in favour of democracy. Chief Buthelezi and the ANC chief Jacob Zuma toured the province appealing for their followers to respect the ballot.

The central difference between Ulster and Natal is that the Natal elections were real, not synthetic, as are those of Ulster direct rule. David Trimble, Peter Robinson, John Hume and Gerry Adams have never exercised

governmental power, nor bid for it in any election. They are merely group representatives. For Buthelezi and Zuma, elections were about jobs, services, money, patronage, security. The South African constitution has (so far) respected the autonomy of provincial leaders. There is no outsider to hold the ring, no foreign policeman or peacemaker or arbiter. There is no John Major or Bill Clinton or Senator Mitchell. Local leadership alone has stood between Natal and mayhem, and has had to compromise accordingly. Nobody in Natal said that local democracy "must await the defeat of the men of violence".

Democracy alone could exorcise that. bloodshed. In Ulster, British ministers believe the opposite. They have

long maintained that

any return of democra-

only follow the defeat of terrorism. This lack of faith in democracy's strength and purpose is cynical. To the centralists of Westminster democracy (whether in Scotland or Northern Ireland, or even London) is a mere bonbon, a reward for being good. It is what a bountiful superior power awards to a

believe that in Northern Ireland. as in Natal and (we hope) in Bosnía, democracy is a potent force for peace. It offers the gate through which any mixed community must pass if it is to achieve stable peace. The contrast between the British Government's idea of democracy and that of the rest of the world could hardly be greater. In the fields of Drumerce, the British idea was found wanting.

subsidiary district.

The greatest loss that two decades of direct rule have brought to Northern treland is not the physical destruction. the deaths, the unemployment or commercial decay. It is the loss of a new political leadership. There are no new Humes, Trimbles, Paisleys, Adamses, except on a few district councils --councils neutered by Westminster to be no more than Leninist dumas. And since

direct rulers carry the burden of com-promise, local leaders need only defend group interests, as we saw again this week. For Mr Major to appeal on Monday to something he called "the centre" was plain daft. In political terms. he is the only centre. Direct rule reduces colonial politics to a conflict of extremes.

As for the caravanseral still gathered outside Stormont and known as the "peace process", this has yielded neither peace nor a process. It is what it always was, just another stage on which the oldtimers could rehearse their routines. The Government could now send everyone home, but I doubt if it has the courage. The least we might expect is that it will prepare the one policy that makes any sense: abandoning all thought of a power-sharing executive or assembly at Stormont and returning to Northern Ireland's counties and cities the powers enjoyed by English local authorities up to 1979. These must include some taxraising powers, and responsibility for jobs, housing and services. The outcome would be a mix of Nationalist and Unionist councils, thus dividing responsibility for the government of the province on a geographical basis.

cy to the province can This revival of local democracy is the one political innovation in Northern ireland that offers any progress, any difference, any lasting contribution to peace. The initiative for this must lie with central government. But the initiative must be sincere. Ulster people must feel that, in voting, they are vesting real power in their local leaders, power to negotiate compromise and so accept responsibility for the outcome.

I find the intellectual collapse of the policy of direct rule not depressing but comforting. It is proof that there is no other route to inter-communal government than through democracy. You cannot order people to be kind to one another, even if you are a British Prime Minister or an American President They must want it and seek it for themselves through the hallot. All that superior rulers can do is put in place the institutions to make this possible - and

Governors hate withdrawing. They cannot believe that other men, elected by other voters, can be quite so wise or quite so popular as they are. I have listened for years to the apologias of Ulster's direct rulers. It has always been an audition of the arrogance of power. This arrogance is now palpably futile. There is another way.

Back to Edwardian values

The constitution is again at issue, says

Jonathan Clark

o subject of momentous impor-tance could be guaranteed to kill a conversation like the constitution. Architecture, social security, beef, the NHS - all of these can be relied on to enlist popular passions. But the West Lothian question? The voting rights of hereditary peers in the House of Lords? The taxing powers of devolved assemblies? These are not the sort of questions that produce riots in Trafalgar Square.

Yet constitutional issues once did just that The parliamentary franchise. Home Rule, votes for women, peers versus the people, disestablishment: these were the issues that stirred mass passions and produced political engage ment before 1914. So much has happened since that people have forgotten that these problems were never fully solved: they were only postponed while two world wars were fought and the threats of National Socialism and Marxian socialism were seen off. Now that those massive 20th-century intrusions are over, we find ourselves facing Edwardian issues once again. The constitution is about to become a battleground once more, but in a new context.

In the Thatcher years, the running was made by the intellectual issues of the market. Competition. deregulation. privatisation. monetarism formed an interlocking system of ideas, which created the practical conflicts. These ideas were paralleled by the work of histori-ans such as Alan Macfarlane (on the ancient roots of a property-owning democracy) and Martin Wiener (on the alleged Victorian decline of an industrial. entrepreneurial spirit). These were big questions, but not constitutional ones.

In recent years, practical conflicts have arisen on quite different problems. These dots now join up to outline a picture, of which the key features are monarchy, culture, family, morality and religion: in short, national identity. And although these issues lack a Friedrich Hayek as their philosopher and a Keith Joseph as their political prophet, they find opponents in historians from Raphael Samuel on the left to Jeremy Black on the right.

All this now becomes a matter of constitutional debate because, as John Major clearly explained in his speech to the Centre for Policy Studies, the point about constitutional forms is that they embody values. The love affair of the British with their national institutions is no limp romanticism but an apprecia-tion of the way that institutions embody and perpetuate, as well as symbolise, a certain way of doing things.

That is why a predilection for hereditary peers and against high inheritance taxes is an affirmation of family integrity. That is why an established Church is widely endorsed, even by other Christian denominations, as an official acknowledgement that law is more than technical convention. That is also why the national history curriculum has become a potent symbol of society's right corporately to affirm a vision of itself.

The opponents of these practices are right to focus on them. But on the constitution, it is the reformers of Charter 88 who are now the radical individualists. Symbolic demotion of the monarchy, disestablishment, reform of the Lords. easier divorce, resistance to a national curriculum, regional devolution within a federal Europe: all these reflect a view of the omniompetent individual, divorced from duties, timelessly enjoying rights in a state which is to be devolved into a thousand voluntary communities.

There are no votes in defending hereditary peers, or the established Church, as picturesque anachronisms or interesting exceptions to drab uniformity. There are many votes to be won by any party which car articulate a theory of the constitution that shows how our arrangements. present or proposed, are congruent with a vision of national values. But this is not an intellectual problem in which Marx.

Havek. Friedman or Delors will help us. The constitutional changes demanded by Labour and the Liberal Democrats would be fundamental and irreversible. in this perception, John Major is correct. His problem will be to persuade enough people of this. His strength is that neither Labour nor the Liberal Democrats have behind them a weight of scholarship or doctrine on the issue: no great philosophers, constitutional lawyers, political scientists or historians have written parts for Tony Blair or Paddy Ashdown to act. John Major's weakness is that the same is nearly true of the Conservatives.

Mr Major's Government has an undervalued record of sensible, incremental adjustment - the changed tim-ing of the Budget, the Nolan reforms. select committees - but this does not make it easier to distinguish its policies from those of other parties, which might similarly be presented as moderate and piecemeal. The Government's task is convincingly to illicit the general princi-ples uniting all fundamental reforms. Here Charter 88 plays into Mr Major's hands. Mr Blair's task is to take one issue at a time, and to define his targets

as absurd anomalies. Yet Mr Blair's is the more difficult problem, since we now witness as powerful a reforming movement as fly since the age of the suffragettes. Collectivist Labour was only a phase, and its impact was strangely limited. The real struggles will be over the programme of individualist liberalism. Perhaps, in the long perspective, historians will see the 20th century going out where it came in.

Professor Clark's pamphlet Devolution in Historical Perspective & published by the Conservative Political Centre.

Site report

PREPARATIONS for a Labour victory at the next general election are already well under way at the Department for Education and Employment. A memo has been sent round detailing building work that will have to be done in case a blind Secretary of State takes over. This can only refer to David Blunkett, the blind Shadow Secretary of State for Education and Employment.

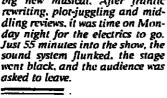
After the Prime Minister's decision to allow Labour to make early contact with the Civil Service. Blunkett was swift to visit the department and meet the Perma-nent Secretary. Working condi-tions were a high priority.

Among the suggested improve-ments to the aircady very modern building are braille buttons in the lifts, alterations to door-opening systems and accommodation for

Blunken's guide-dog. Lucy.

The work has already attracted much varied comment within the building. Blunkett is evidently chuffed. None of us want to count our chickens, but it is good to know that the department is preparing for a Labour victory."

• Teething troubles continue to plague Martin Guerre, London's



FRUITY SCENES gripped Royal



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Much disgust

Tunbridge Wells yesterday, as the town's famous "disgusteds" made

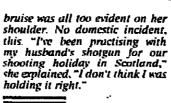


day night for the electrics to go. Just 55 minutes into the show, the went black, and the audience was asked to leave.

their morning promenade. Out-side Waterstone's bookshop, they stumbled upon a man and a roung lady apparently overtaken by lust and writhing amorously on

the pavement. At first, passers-by affected a blithe nonchalance, the choked looks of their chihuahuas being the only evidence of surprise. As the couple's intimacies grew ever more intense, however, the police were called forcibly to remove the entangled couple. Receiving the sort of looks that Marie Antoinette cust on hairy-backed peasants, the couple let rip with a cry futile in T.W.: "It's a free country."

• Gail Lilley, wife of the cherubic Secretary of State for Social Security, is taking her summer holiday seriously. At Jeffrey Archer's bizarre summer party the other night, where she sported a sleeveless dress, a vivid vellow



Snapshot

THE PRINCESS of Wales's hopes of shunning the limelight after re-moving her name from 100 charities may be shortlived. The two members of the myal paparazzi she most abhors are to publish the story of their endless run-ins with the Princess.
From their billet outside Kensington Palace yesterday, Mark

Diana in hiding

Saunders and Glenn Harvey whose work includes the cellulite file - explained that their book Dicing with Di will "give the other ide of the Princess

"Every time she sees us now, she shouts at us," they say. "The whole book is an example of her extraordinary almost schizophren-ic behaviour. She uses abusive language to us. We don't understand what her problem is with the

Unless, perhaps, it's with the

More from Tara Palmer-Tompkinson, girl of the year and a triumph of hot pants over intellect. She was chatting last week to a group of Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party wouths, who kept referring to "Sir James's par-Her bangs began to twitch. "Which Goldsmith party is that?" she asked the startled Clearasil squad: "I think I'm supposed to be going."

Bowing out

ANOTHER royal book in the pipeline purports to reveal the role of the Queen Mother in the abdication crisis. It's a family business: the author is one Jennifer Bowes-Lyon, her cousin, who once worked as a domestic cleaner and who lives in Tel Aviv.



Wallis Simpson: My Life With David is billed as a personal ac-count of the crisis as told to Jennifer's mother Fanny Rose, a confidante of the Duchess of Windsor in later life. "With remarkable honesty she reveals how the illfeeling between herself and the Queen Mother became a bitter vendetta," says the publisher Smith Gryphon. The manuscript is being scrutinised by lawyers, and publication has been delayed until next year.

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TREASURY 2005

In or out of Emu: how Whitehall sees Britain's future

A central Government role is to prepare for the future. Or, at least, it should be. While ministers have been tumbling from day to day, it is good to read that The Treasury has been looking forward. Today The Times publishes extracts from an assessment of the decade ahead by the department that has long seen itself as the heart of government: it is a quintessential piece of mandarinate work, deploying analogies with astronomy and the mediaeval church as well as the 21stcentury intricacies of exchange rate policy. It identifies a convincing concept of public administration as well as the historic rival to its approach to Europe - the Foreign and Commonwealth Office across the street.

The formal purpose of the document is disarmingly narrow: what, it asks, is the probable staffing needs of Her Majesty's Treasury in the year 2005? The answer, however, is achieved by panoramic means. In order to reach the final case for keeping 11 staff places that are presently scheduled for eradication, the Treasury team touches upon the economic and political options for virtually all major aspects of public life.

It starts with a cold look at a single currency including eight possible scenarios ranging from earliest possible involvement to maximum feasible avoidance. Encouragingly, it concludes that regardless of any change of government the prospect of this country joining at the outset is under 50 per cent. It notes, however, that regardless of which scenario is proved correct, substantial change in the organisation of economic policy in Britain will occur. More decisions will be made in Europe. Even at home the Treasury will be further from the centre of the Copernican universe. The Bank of England, for example, is expected to have more independence whether or not Britain takes the decision to join the Emu.

After this comes an attempt at estimating future trade flows. Both John Major and Tony Blair devote much of their speeches already to the challenge from Asia. The message for the United Kingdom from the Treasury strongly reinforces this message. If Britain is predominantly a trading partner with stagnant European economies, then its overall standing in the global export league will slide. The EU, expected to have six additional members ten years hence, cannot be relied upon to accept the challenge: Britain will need thinking of its own

Public spending is the mandarins' mother's milk. Two models are contemplated for a decade hence. The first, though not titled as such by the apolitical politicians of the Treasury, is the Blair option. In this the level come to 2005.

of public spending as a proportion of national output is assumed roughly similar to present levels. Conservative Central Office may or may not believe in New Labour; Whitehall plainly does. To achieve what might seem a rather modest aim, however, substantial struggles with spending departments are envisaged.

For its second path the Treasury postulates a "Contract With Britain", along the lines that were so successful electorally for Newt Gingrich and congressional Republicans in the United States. This would presumably have been introduced by a Conservative administration, led by Michael Portillo or John Redwood, which had been returned to power in 2002.

Today Tory ministers tell rightwing critics that substantial shifts in political priorities are impossible. It is useful thus to note how calmly the career bureaucracy can examine the prospects for privatising contributory benefits, roads, and much of the welfare state. This section also includes the striking statement (even more striking for activists for a future Labour government) that "Treasury officials have a high level of commitment to the efficiency of the market mechanism, to neo-classical welfare economics and to the utilitarian ethics on which they are based."

None of this is to suggest that Whitehall runs Britain or that party democracy is irrelevant. Throughout its text differing possibilities are laid out with absolute fairness. What it does suggest is that all political decisions are shaped by received ideas or, to put it more grandly, a philosophy. Tony Blair has shifted the position of the Labour Party more in response to the politics of the practical than to any perception that the nation became more like Lady Thatcher during the 1980s. The Treasury takes its life from that environment: its philosophy is pragmatism above all things.

The British civil service is proud of its permanent nature, political neutrality and incorruptible reputation. Today's Treasury high-fliers call for a Treasury of the future that still attracts those who are "clever, appropriately skilled, have relevant knowledge, experience and remain well motivated" to meet "inevitable uncertainties" ahead. There are, of course, certainties ahead. "A failure to appreciate that others may not share the Treasury values is a weakness. Where the other party is very sophisticated (eg FCO) there is a lot of fencing and frequently a stand-off." Wel-

TIBET'S VOICE

China has an obligation to negotiate with the Dalai Lama

The Dalai Lama speaks with the voice of reason and conciliation on behalf of one of the world's most systematically and unreasonably persecuted peoples. On that ground alone, he deserves an attentive hearing in Britain this week from Malcolm Rifkind and Robin Cook as well as British MPs. China sharpens interest in the case he has to present with each attempt, through the sort of diplomatic intimidation that was directed against Germany last month and Britain this week, to bar Western doors against the Tibetan leader. China's campaign betrays an insecurity that hardly marries with its claims that Tibet has prospered under Chinese occupation.

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These claims wilt under scrutiny. The Han Chinese colonisers of Tibet have indeed prospered from the country's rapid recent modernisation. But high growth has been achieved at unacceptable cost to Tibet's forests and fragile environment; and Tibetans themselves have little part in this prosperity. They are so discriminated against that the Dalai Lama is justified in speaking of "cultural genocide". Repression has intensified since last year, when China abducted Gendun Choekyi Nyima, the young child identified by both the Dalai Lama and the religious search committee in Tibet as the lith reincarnation of the Panchen Lama. Not only have resulting protests been violently suppressed, but China is abandoning its limited tolerance of Tibetan religion, sanctioned in 1979 by Deng Xiaoping. New laws even ban the display of the Dalai Lama's portrait - the ultimate provocation in this reverent land.

These are all symptoms, as the Dalai Lama said yesterday; the central issue is "colonial rule ... and resistance to that rule" and cannot be solved by "force, intimidation and population transfer". To save Tibetans from "total annihilation", he is willing to negotiate with Peking on an agenda that "does not include independence" for Tibet. Since Deng Xiaoping. China's highest authority, is on record that "anything except independence can be discussed and resolved". Peking has no case for refusing talks. He appealed yesterday for the outside world's "urgent intervention" to bring China to the table. Britain should give him that support; and remind China that it is merely being asked to live up to its undertakings in 1951 to respect Tibet's autonomy and religion

- not to mention the status of the Dalai Lama himself. And since Tibetans consider him their political as well as religious leader, it is high time for Britain, whose pretence that ministers meet him only in his capacity as a religious authority dishonours Tibet without placating the Chinese, openly to acknowledge him as such.

OLD STONES

In history, symbols matter more than science

Facts may be sacred but the sacred should not have to depend on facts. It is reassuring that records released yesterday of an X-ray examination in 1973 prove the Stone of Scone in Westminster Abbey to be authentic; but the exercise while well-meant, was unnecessary. The Stone derives its power not from what it is -a rock - but what it is believed to be -a symbol of Scottish pride.

An age over-obsessed with authenticity should accept that there is a space for . symbolism. The real value of a wedding ring lies in the love it embodies not the caratmark — a plastic hoop is worth more than a band of gold if given from the heart. Her Majesty chose to return the Stone because her ministers hoped to right an historic wrong. Even if the Stone were bogus basalt. that matters is that the intention of Her Majesty's Government is genuine. As with gift horses, so with stones; it is better to accept a generously-offered fake than to

insist on authentication. Of course, there are occasions when the strictest of scientific tests should be applied to ancient artefacts. The Rosetta Stone would have been simply another curio for the Cairo sock if it sad not faithfully recorded how _to take its rightful place under ones

hieroglyphics could be translated into Greek. An eagerness to take a skull at face value embarrassed the evolutionists who placed their faith in Piltdown man. In their zeal to prove the missing link that demonstrated monkeys descended from their branches to become men the boffins were barking up the wrong tree. Whether in philology or biology, the stringent standards of scientific proof have to be applied when dealing with the past.

But statecraft is an art, not a science. Building a nation is less a matter of social engineering than an exercise in story-telling. Too heavy a reliance on the rational and scientific can make a country crabbed and a nation that enthrones Reason will soon find itself ruled by a tyrant. Britain's greatest constitutional thinker, Walter Bagehot, realised the dangers of judging the symbols of statehood in too narrow a fashion. As with an ancient monarchy, so with slabs of ancient masonry; it is better not to let daylight (or X-ray) in upon magic. No king has to pass scientific tests to establish his suitability to be placed on a throne. The Stone of Destiny does not need such scrutiny

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR 1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

Concern at restructuring plans for BBC World Service

From Baroness David and others

Sir, You and your correspondents have drawn attention to the threat to the World Service posed by the Director-General of the BBC in his proposed restructuring of the Corporation's radio services (leading article, June 15; letters, June 19 and July 5).

In a short debate in the House of Lords on June 27 some of us tried to elicit from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for National Heritage an assurance that there would be no diminution in the quality of the World Service as a result of Mr Birt's changes - introduced, incidentally, without any consultation with his senior staff.

Since then the issues have been fully aired, culminating in the lobby to the House of Commons on July 9, but the danger has not gone away and pressure must be continued on both the Foreign Office and the BBC not to separate the language services of the World Service from the English service and to leave the newsroom and all the World Service English staff intact. They are specialised and dedicated with their knowledge of the needs of their audiences and the demands of differing cultures.

Indeed it would be a pyrrhic victory if, by saving a few thousand pounds. one of Britain's most prestigious institutions is destroyed.

Yours faithfully, NORA DAVIĎ, IAN BANCROFT, CLEDWYN of PENRHOS. DOUGLAS CROHAM. JOHN CUCKNEY. DAVINA DARCY de KNAYTH, DONALDSON, JOHN EATWELL, DENIS HEALEY, WAYLAND KENNET, IVOR RICHARD. BEE SEROTA. HUGH THOMAS, GEORGE THOMSON. House of Lords.

Stone of Scone

From Miss Barbara F. Harvey

a saint" suggests that he agrees (re

mand respect but may, in this case.

give rise to some misgivings.

In the Middle Ages, gifts to a church were customarily in the form of gifts to the saint of the church in question.

but this does not mean that every such

offering possessed the inviolability of a relic. If, therefore, the Stone of Scone

was given to St Edward, it would not

necessarily have possessed at the

time, and would not possess now, the

inviolability of the relies that were

If it was a votive offering one can

only be surprised that this gift did not

enter the collective memory of the monks of Westminster. Yet, as far as I

It is to be hoped that the views of Dr

Wilson and Dr Binski will not divert

attention from the overwhelmingly

strong argument for allowing the

Stone to remain in its present place,

namely the fact that it has been in the

The advice given to Her Majesty the Queen that this association be now

broken violates something quite as

precious to most people as the relics of

a saint it violates our common past.

f am, Sir, your obedient servant,

BARBARA F. HARVEY,

Yours sincerely,

Greenwich, SE10.

From Mr Geoffrey Hinton

soon after the revolution".

July 10.

66 Cranham Street, Oxford.

From Miss M. Lemon-Peacock

Sir, May I say how wholeheartedly I

agree with the views expressed by the

two distinguished medieval histori-ans, who wish to see the Stone of

Scone remain at Westminster Abbey.

The proposed return of the Stone to

Scotland is, in my view, a vain and

MARGARET LEMON-PEACOCK, 23a Woodlands Park Road,

Sir, Dr Christopher Wilson, of Univ-

ersity College London, opposes the removal of the Stone of Scone from

Westminster Abbey, stating that no-

where else in Europe is there such a

combination of relic and tomb and

shrine, and that "All the royal tombs

in France were destroyed during or

This is simply not true. St Denis

Abbey in Paris contains a truly mag-

nificent series of tombs of the French-

monarchs and other royal nobles,

from the 13th-century tomb of the

reburied Dagobert I (who died in AD

639) onwards, including the superb

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be faxed to 0171-782 5046. 🔮

Renaissance tomb of François I.

Yours faithfully,

(Art historian),

July 10.

GEOFFREY HINTON

l Northmoor Place, Oxford.

am aware, this did not happen.

normally kept at a shrine.

Abbey for 700 years.

July 15.

From Sir Anthony Parsons

Sir, I have read a great deal of convincing criticism in your columns and elsewhere of the proposed reorganisation of the BBC World Service. There seems little doubt that the new structure will be less effective than the existing one.

> Between 1952 and 1979, I served as a diplomat in seven countries of the Middle East and North Africa, There is no question that, in terms of information, the World Service is Britain's most powerful source of influence. The foreign language broadcasts obviously reach a wider audience in the countries to which they are directed. But rulers, ministers and top people across the board of national life rely on the World Service for accuracy, impartiality and relevance. Hence any move which weakens it will diminish

our influence worldwide. I have the following questions. Since the Foreign and Commonwealth Office pays for the service, was it fully consulted about the proposed changes? If so, did the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary agree to them and, if so, could it be explained publicly why the present system needed to be changed and how the new structure will be at least as good if not

hetter? If the FCO was not consulted in advance, why not?

Yours faithfully, ANTHONY PARSONS, Highgrove, Ashburton, Devon.

From Sir Nicholas Barrington .

Sir, I write as one who was responsible at different times for the Foreign Office's relations with the World Service. Resources were always scarce, but with reviews and tough but friendly negotiations we ensured that

they were used cost-effectively. The Foreign Office paid the piper but abstained from trying to influence editorial policy because we recognised, supported by overwhelming evidence from posts abroad, that the

World Service in English and the foreign language services of the BBC were of immense value for Britain's interests and reputation overseas, World Service television is also outstandingly influential where it is received.

I am told that Mr John Birt has rarely visited Bush House and shown little interest in the World Service's special skills and achievements. He is meant to be a clever manager, but to alienate practically the whole of the staff of Bush House, as he appears to have done by his recent proposals for integration with the rest of the BBC, announced at short notice with no consultation, is not good management

We would be crazy to lose the distinctive ethos of the World Service. I wonder to what extent the Foreign Office themselves were consulted about what is, after all, the disposal of their funds. Given limitations on their resources, they may, mistakenly, have felt inhibited about intervening. But Mr Birt cannot be allowed just to ride this one out.

The new Chairman and the BBC Governors, backed by responsible opinion throughout the country, should ensure that recent decisions are reversed.

Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS BARRINGTON, The Athenaeum, Pall Mall, SWI. July 12.

From Mrs I. M. E. Ferguson

Sir. A quotation from Nelson Mandela's autobiography, Long Walk to Freedom (Little, Brown, 1994, p503): "We also had a radio, but one that received only local stations and not what we really wanted: the BBC World Service."

Yours sincerely, I. M. E. FERGUSON, 18 Homefleet House. Wellington Crescent, Ramsgate, Kent. July 10.

Animal welfare From the Chief Charity

Commissioner

Sir, Dr Christopher Wilson believes that the Stone of Scone was given by Sir, In view of recent correspondence Edward I as a votive offering to the shrine of St Edward the Confessor in on the membership and activities of the RSPCA (letters, July 1, 8, 11) it may Westminster Abbey, and Dr Paul Binbe helpful to restate the position conski's remark that to remove it now cerning the Charity Commission's adwould be "like flogging off the relics of vice to that charity. The commission has not said that port, July 10). The views of these distinguished medieval historians com-

the RSPCA may not campaign on animal welfare issues (Dr Richard Ryder's letter, July 8). We have, on the contrary, confirmed that, provided it keeps within our guidelines on political activities and campaigning, it may campaign on these issues. What we have sought to clarify with the RSPCA are the limitations which are imposed on charities which operate in this field and which flow from charitable status, namely that they may not campaign against practices which are to the benefit of human beings even though involving suffering for ani-mals. The RSPCA has confirmed that it accepts that the law lays down this limitation.

On the particular issue of hunting it is open to the RSPCA to argue that

hunting involves unnecessary suffering on the basis that, where it is necessary to control numbers, other more humane methods exist. This must however be based on reasoned argument and evidence, not on the personal viewpoint or emotions of members.

On the membership of the RSPCA, we have considered the question of whether certain restrictions which it rules. We formed the view that the charity could not continue to impose such constraints under the existing membership provisions. The RSPCA has now proposed an

amendment to the membership provisions arising out of a resolution passed at its recent AGM (report, July 1). We have had a preliminary meeting with representatives of the charity on that issue. Further discussion will be necessary before we can reach a final decision.

MPs' salaries is the need to attract a

higher calibre of applicant in the

future. Can we take it therefore that

the present incumbents will not be

offering themselves for re-election?

Sir, Was it truly pure coincidence that George Orwell should feature in your

columns ("Orwell was recruited to

fight Soviet propaganda", report, July

11) the very morning after the pigs

PAUL LEIGH-MORGAN,

Yours faithfully,

2 Chequers Court.

Swavesey, Cambridge.

From Mr Charles Davis

Yours faithfully, R. J. FRIES, Chief Charity Commissioner, Charity Commission, St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, SWI. July 15.

MPs' pay increase

From Mr John Timms

Sir, Surely, the point that should be made in respect of MPs awarding themselves a 26 per cent salary in-crease (letters, July 10, 12, 16) is not whether they deserve their new salaries — personally. I feel they may have a good case — but that, by privilege and personal authority, they have indulged themselves whilst, at the same time, they continue to reject the possibly more legitimate claims of pensioners and low-paid public-sector workers.

JOHN TIMMS, 39 East Trinity Road, Edinburgh 5.

From Mr Paul Leigh-Morgan Sir, I understand a prominent con-

cern addressed by the increase in

From Mr Mark H. Levy

Airline competition

voted for seconds?

CHARLES DAVIS,

Colwyn Bay, Clwyd.

Yours faithfully,

89 Conwy Road.

July II.

Sir, Your remarks on airline competition [leading article, July 9; also letters, July 10, 11] are well aimed. I

have been travelling by air between Manchester and Belfast long enough to have seen monopoly give way tocompetition and, regrettably, back

It was delightful to see how the introduction of another service to Belfast City (Harbour) enabled British Airways to find a way of providing its customers with a newspaper, a cold breakfast, then a hot breakfast and eventually a ticket price to match those on offer elsewhere.

BA has now seen off its rivals on this route. The result? A 12 per cent increase in the cost of my journey between February and June 1996. Yours faithfully,

MARK H. LEVY (Managing Director), Gaumont Watch Co. Ltd. Gaumont House. Stanley Grove, Northwich, Cheshire. July 10.

Question of degree

From Dr Malcolm Taylor

Sir, In my opinion, the biggest single factor contributing to grade inflation in degree classification [leading article, July 1: letters, July 12] has been the gradual drift away from formal examinations towards continuous assessment and coursework.

In some subjects and institutions this drift has been so total that it is now possible to gain an honours degree from a British university without ever having to sit a single examination. Virtually all students perform better at this method of academic evaluation.

The true guarantee of standards, in my view, would be to separate the teaching and examining functions within a university. All subjects would be taught to the equivalent of a national curriculum and all testing procedures would be set and examined by an external body.

Yours faithfully. MALCOLM TAYLOR, 12 Salisbury Way. Astley, Manchester 29. July 2 take its rightitu piace under ones,

Common law and Royal Highnesses

From Mr Michael Thornton

Sir. It is wrong in my view to suggest. as have some commentators, that the Princess of Wales is to be "stripped" of the title, Her Royal Highness.

This is a fundamental misconcep-tion of the legal position. On ceasing to be the wife of a Royal Highness, the Princess of Wales automatically loses this rank, as in the recent case of the Duchess of York.

Much of the present confusion arises from an unsafe precedent, in 1937, when King George VI, in issuing letters patent to create the Dukedom of Windsor for his brother, the former King Edward VIII, was claimed by his advisers to be "recreating" the Duke a Royal Highness.

This was wholly without justifica-tion, since the Duke held that rank already by birth as the son, grandson and great-grandson of British sovereigns. The device was employed in order to prevent the Duchess of Windsor from assuming the style of Royal Highness, which was hers by common law - an action subsequently regarded by most historians as illegal under the constitution. The letters patent of 1937 are, in fact, now known by

lawyers as "the Depriving Act".
In spite of these circumstances it is still a clear option for the Queen to create the Princess of Wales a Royal Highness in her own right, with a rank and precedence that does not depend upon that of her former husband. Given the outstanding quality of the public work performed by the Princess, the undoubted affection in which she is held and the fact that she is the mother of a future British king, it is to be regretted that the Queen has not been advised to do this.

Yours sincerely, MICHAEL THORNTON. c/o Dinah Wiener Ltd. 27 Arlington Road, NW1. July 16.

From Dr A. W. McKenzie

Sir, In their adherence to titles which indicate degrees of Highness and Graciousness, the Royal Family relies on the bemused tolerance of the

However, that passivity undergoes strain with your July 13 headline "Princess will lose HRH style ...", and many must feel that it represents an unkind demotion of the mother of a future king of the United Kingdom. Strangely, HRH The Prince of Wales is required to make no such atonement through the lessening of his titles of nobility, in spite of his admission of misdeeds.

Perhaps it is all a matter of expediency. After August 28, when the divorce becomes final, the prefix of HRH The Princess of Wales will move into the Situations Vacant category.

Yours faithfully, A. W. McKENZIE, 50 Bracondale, Norwich, Norfolk.

Lincoln impasse

From Miss Selina McGeoch

Sir. In the Judgment of Solomon (1 Kings iii) it was the real mother who gave up her legitimate claim to the baby and the false claimant who wished rather to see it sacrificed than appear to be the impostor.

Since the self-sacrifice of the true mother has lived in history for nearly three thousand years, giving her undying honour, I am surprised that no one has yet reported seeing two cassocked figures racing to the postbox. clutching letters of resignation tightly to their bosom, through the cathedral close in Lincoln [letters, July 10, 16].

Yours faithfully, SELINA McGEOCH, Kirk Deighton House, Main Street, Kirk Deighton, Wetherby, North Yorkshire.

Dyslexic drivers

From Mr Michael Harman

Sir, I sympathise with dyslexics who may find the new written part of the driving test difficult (article. Car 96. July 6). The condition we are told: goes far beyond poor reading and writing skills. It affects eye, hand and foot co-ordination and often features short-term memory deficits. People with dyslexia also find it hard to cope with too many instructions at once and often cannot distinguish between left and right.

Should we really be introducing special arrangements to make it easier for people with this condition — a registrable disability — to be given the right to drive freely?

Yours sincerely. MICHAEL HARMAN. Holmwood, 37 Upper Park Road. Camberley, Surrey. July 8.

Winning formula

From Mrs Linda M. Swindlehurst

Sir, I would like to offer Mr Schumacher (report, Sport, July 15) the loan of my Metro for his next grandprix outing. It may not be as fast as his Ferrari but at least it gets my son and me to Tesco and back without breaking down.

I remain, etc, L. SWINDLEHURST. 14 Cromer Road, St Anne's on Sea, Lancashire. July 15.



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July Io: The Governor of Montserrar
was received by The Queen.
His Excellency Mr Veicooh
Nghiwete and Mrs Nghiwete were
received in furewell audience by Her
Majesty and took leave upon His
Excellency relinquishing his appoint
ment as High Commissioner for the
Republic of Namibia in London.
His Excellency Dr A F M Vent

Republic of Namibia in London.

His Excellency Dr A.F.M. Yusuf was received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for the People's Republic of Bangladesh in London.

Major Albert Smith was received to the property of the People's Republic of Bangladesh in London. by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Member of the Royal Victorian

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave an Afternoon Party in the Garden of Buckingham Palace to mark the Centenary of the Royal Victorian Order.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, The Princess Margaret. Countess of Snowdon, The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, The Duke of Kent, Prince and Princess Michael of Kent, and Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy and the Hon Sir

Angus Ogilvy were present.
The Queen's Body Guard of the The Queen's body chairs of the Yeomen of the Guard were on duty. The Bands of the Welsh Guards and the Army Air Corps played selections of music during the

atternoon.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Master, earlier attended the Quarterly Court Meeting, followed by Luncheon, at Trinity House, Tower Hill, London

His Royal Highness, President, King George's Fund for Sailors, this evening attended the Ascot Charity Raceday Auction Dinner at the Royal Garden Hotel, Kensington, London

The Baroness Trumpington (Baroness in Waiting) Called Upon the Governor-General of Tuvalu and Lady Manuella at St James's Court Hotel, London SWI, this morning and welcomed Their Excellencies on the March 18 of the Court behalf of The Queen.

The Viscount Long (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Air-port, London, this afternoon upon the Arrival of The President of the Republic of lockand and welcomed Her Excellency on behalf of Her

Mangaret's Church, Westminster Ab-bey, today. Mrs Robert de Pass has succeeded the Lady Etton as Lady in Waiting to Her Majesty. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE**

The Queen was represented by the Lord Camoys (Lord in Waiting) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Lord Jay (a former Cabinet Minister) which was held in St

July 16: The Duke of York, Colonel-in-Chief, The Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's), this afternoon errived Lieutenant Colonel James Tanner upon assuming his appoint-ment as Commanding Officer Ist

His Royal Highness, Patron, took the Salute this evening at a perfor-mance of the Royal Tournament at

BUCKINGHAM PALACE July lo: The Princess Royal, President, Animal Health Trust, this evening attended the Animal Health Trust/Delta Society dinner at the Cherokee Club, Atlanta, Georgia.

July 16: The Prince of Wales, Colonel in-Chief, The Royal Gurkha Rifles this morning visited the 2nd Battalion

Chief, Army Air Corps, afterwards visited members of 7 Flight. The Prince of Wales later attended

a live firing attack mounted by members of the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Gurkha Rifles.
His Royal Highness this evening left Brunei for the United States of

KENSINGTON PALACE

July 16: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Honorary President, The British Museum Development Trust, was present this evening at the Annual Dinner for Patrons and other friends of the Museum, at the British Museum, London WC!

KENSINGTON PALACE

huly 16: The Duke of Gloucester, President, St Bartholomew's Hos-pital, attended the Cambridge Graduates Club of St Bartholomew's Hospital and the Royal London Hospital's Dinner at the Mansion House, London EC4.

Birthdays today

Sir Hardy Amics, fashion designer, 8r; Dame Joyce Anelay, vice-chair-man, Conservative Party National Union, 49; Mr Richard Barker, former Headmaster, Sevenooks School, 57; Mr Hardey Booth, MP, 50: Mr Tim Brooke-Taylor, actor, 56: Sir Alan Cottrell, former Vice-Chancellor, Cambridge University, 77; Mr William Etherington, MP. 55: Mr Raymond Galton, scriptwriter, 66; aroness Gardner of Parkes, 69: Mr W. Gordon Graham, publisher, 76; Mr John Greetham, regional chair-Yorkshire Region. 57: Mr Eric Hammond, trade unionist, 67: Mr Peter Hardy, MP. 65; Mr J.M. Harper. former deputy managing director. BT, 66: Sir William Henderson. former president, Zoological Society of London, 83; Sir William Heseltine, former Private Secretary to the Oueen, 66: Lord Lane, former Lord Chief Justice. 78: the Right Rev D.R. Lurun. Bishop of Sheffield. 66: Mr Joe McNally, founding managing direc-tor, Compaq Computer UK, 53: Mr John Patten, MP, 51: Dr Marjorie Reeves, historian, 91; Mr Andrew Robathan. MP, 45: the Marqués de Samaranch, president. Internation Olympic Committee. 76: Mr Peter Sissons. broadcaster, 54: Mr Wayne Sleep, dancer, actor and choreog-rapher, 48; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Blair Stewart-Wilson, former Deputy Master of the Household, 67; Sir Kenneth Stowe, civil servant, 69: Mr Bob Taylor, cricketer, 55; His Honour Sir David West-Russell, 78: Mr P.D.V. Wilkes, Headmaster, Cheltenham College, 55: Mr Terrel Wyatt, former chairman, Costain Group, 69.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at II. The Duke of Edinburgh, as presi-

dent, will preside at the annual meeting of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, followed by a luncheon, at St James's Palace at II: and will visit the Albert Memorial, Kensington Gore, at 3.40. Princess Margaret, as President of The Royal Ballet, will attend a School at Holland Park Open Air Theatre at 7.55pm.

The Duke of Gloucester will visit the East of England show, East of England Showground, Peterborough, at 11.

The Duke of Kent will open the new technology suite at the City School, Skellingthorpe Road, Lincoin, at II; will open a new control system at the Lincolnshire Ambulance and National Health Service Transport Trust, Cross O'Cliff Court, Bracebridge Heath, Lincoln, at noon; will open the new St Peter's Early Years Centre, Earlestield Lane, Grantham, at 230 As Grand Master of the Order of St Michael and St George will attend a reception at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. London, SW1, at 6.30.

Princess Alexandra will take the salute at the evening performance of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court at 7.15.



The Prince of Wales meeting families of Gurkhas stationed in Brunei yesterday after he had trekked into the rainforest to watch a demonstration of Gurkha jungle survival techniques. The Prince later left for America

Memorial service

The Queen was represented by Lord Camoys at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Jay held yesterday at St Margaret's, Westminster Abbey. Canon Donald Gray, Chaplain to the Speaker, officiated and the prayers were led by the the Rev Barry Fenion. Precentor.

The Hon Mrs Catherine Boyd, daughter, read the lesson. The Hon Martin Jay, son read from Hon Mrs Helen Pennant-Rea. daughter, read Thomas Hardy's "Beeny Cliff". Miss Claudia Jay. Miss Amanda Kennard. Miss Juliet Kennard, Miss Rachel Boyd and the Hon Tamsin Jay, grand-children, read from Mauthew Arnold's The Scholar-Gipsy. The Hon Peter Jay, son, paid tribute and Mr Peter Shore, MP, gave an address. The Lord Chancellor, the

Speaker, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, and the Secretary of State for National Heritage and Mr Peter Bottomley, MP, attended. The Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Home Civil Service was represented by Mr Michael Scholar . Among others present

Lady Jay (widow), the Hon Mrs
Peter Jay and Dr the Hon Sandra
Jay (daughters-In-law), Mr R
Pennant-Rea and MrSiewant Boyd
(sons-in-law), Patrick Jay, Nicholas
Tustian, Miss Tabitha Jay, Mr
Adam Jay, Mr Edward PennantRea, Mr and Mrs Sheldon Gordon,
Mr Matthew Boyd and Hannah
Boyd (grandchildren), Mr Rory
Pennant-Rea, Emily Pennant-Rea

Appointments

Royal Navy and

Royal Navy and
Royal Marines
COMMANDER: C Allwood to
Shrivenham, June 6: R G Anderson
to MoD London. December 20: R J
Crick to Staff of Fost Devonport,
January 17. 1997: R Farrington to
MoD London, June 6: S A George to
BOS Washington, January 17. 1997:
D R Hyslop to DGSS Bristol,
September 3: A J Kavanagh to
Temeraire, January 10, 1997: A J
Norton to Italy, November 8: M R
Sewry to MoD London, January 10.

Sewry to MoD London, January 10.

SURGEON COMMANDER: J H
Gabb to Fearless, November II.

SURGEON COMMANDER (D): M R C Gall to CTCRM, September 10.

COMMANDER: J Paint, September

DEATHS

MALLETT - Elizabeth
Margaret on Sunday 14th
July in St Joseph's Hospica,
Hackney, after severe
illnesses so coursegeously
borne. Beloved sisten of
Mary, Her triendatip affect
much to so many. Cremston
at fallington Cremston at
15m Monday 22nd July. No
Rovers please. Doustions if
wished to St Joseph's
Hospice. Mare Street.
Hackney, ER.

HALL - Richard Ward Hall M.A. On 13th July 1996. Enster College. Oxford 1938-36. Senior English Master at Quees Elizabeth's Hospital. Bristol (QEH) from 1939-62. Retired. Late of Formby. Mersecyside. Further smortifes please to Moister's.

MARDING - Geraid O'Brien aged 72 of Beniworth suddenly on July 13th. Loving father of Christopher and Serah and grandfather of Erman. Fuseral Service to lake place on Manday July 22nd at 12 noon at 85 Marry Church, Bentworth. Family flowers only but donations. If you wish, to R.N.L.I. c/o Kemp & Streen, 93 High Street, Albon, Hanis, GUS41LG, let: (01420) 863218.

Retirements

in the Forces

(step grandchildren), Mr and Mrs Hugh Thomas (father-in-law and mother-in-law), Mrs A D H Jay (sister-in-law), Mrs Peggy Jay, Professor and Jay Calaghan, Lord Barnes, Lord Callaghan of Cardill, KG, and Lady Calaghan, Lord Carter, Baroness Castle of Blackburn, Lord Cedwyn.

Lord Cilnton-Davis, Baroness David, Lord Diamond, Lord Command of Easington, Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge, Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge, Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge, Lord Donaldson of Edmonton, Lord Gallacher, Lord Glenamara, Lord Graham of Edmonton, Lord Hacking, Lord Harris of Greenwich, Lady Hayter, Baroness Hollis of Heigham, Lord Howell, Baroness Jay of Paddington, Lord Jenkins of Heigham, Lord Howell, Baroness Mallaileu, QC, Lord Milne, Lord Milner of Leeds, Lord Milne, Lord Milner of Leeds, Lord Milshcon.

Lord Peston, Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede, Lord Richard, QC, Lord Milner of Leeds, Lord Mishcon.
Lord Peston, Lord Ponsonby of
Shuibrede, Lord Richard, QC, Lord
Roll of Ipsden, Baroness Serota,
Lord Shaw of Northstead, Lord
Sherfleld, FRS, Lord Simon of
Glaissdale, Lord Stondart of
Swindon, Lord Strabolgi,
Baroness Strange, Lord Thomson
of Monifieth, KT, and Lady
Thomson, Lord Tugendhat, Lord
Varley, Lord Wilberforce, Lord and
Lady Williams of Elvel, Lord Wyatt
of Weeford.

Mr Tony Benn, MP, Mr John
Biffen, MP, Mr Donald Dewar

Receptions

The Hawthornden Prize

The Hawthornden Prize for Lit-

erature for 1996, which has been

awarded to Hilary Mantel for her

novel An Experiment in Love, was presented to her yesterday by Mr Ferdinand Mount, Editor of The

Times Literary Supplement, at a

reception held at the National

Portrait Gallery. Lord Quinton

Mr James Tye, Director General of the British Safety Council, was the

host at a reception at Armourers'

Hall last night for the British Safe-

ty Council Five Star safety awards.

The committee and members of the Royal Army Service Corps and

Royal Corps of Transport Officers'

was the chairman of the judges.

British Safety Council

Service dinner

RASC and RCT

(Opposition Chief Whip), Mr Tim Eggar, MP, Dr John Gilbert, MP, Mr Norman Lamont, MP, Mr John Morris, OC, MP, Mr Alfred Morris, MP, Mr Michael Morris, MP, Mr Mchael Morris, MP, Mr Robert Sheidon, MP, and Mrs Sheidon, Sir Edward du Cann, Mr Aubrey Jones, the Hon Roland Moyle.

Moyle.

Lady Felicity Harwood, Sir Robin Williams, Sir Isaiah Berlin, OM, Sir Richard Body, MP, and Lady Body, Sir Samuel Britan, Sir Julian and Lady Bullard. Sir Patrick Cormack, MP, Sir Alex and Lady Cairneross, Sir Peter Carey, Lady Mallalieu, Sir Roger Moate. MP, Sir Jeremy Morse, Sir Patrick Neill, QC, and Lady Neill. Sir William Nicoli, Dame Simone Prendergast, Sir Peter and Lady Parker, Sir Patrick and Lady Relily. Sir Robert and Lady Rhodes James, Sir David Serpell, Sir Roben Wade-Gery.

Mr Donald Anderson, MP, Mr

Robert Wade-Gery.

Mr Donald Anderson, MP, Mr John Bowis, MP, Dr Jeremy Bray, MP, Mr William Cash, MP, and Mrs Cash, MP, and Mrs Cash, Mr Robin Corbett, MP, Mr Tarn Dalyell, MP, Mr Harry Greenway, MP, Mr Alan Howarth, MP, Mr Doug Hoyle, MP, Mr Robert Jackson, MP, Miss Joan Lestor, MP, Mr Max Madden, MP, Mr Austin Mitchell, MP, Mr Gilles Radice, MP, Mrs Barbara Roche, MP, Mr Barry Sheerman, MP, Mr Nigel Spearing, MP, Mr Jack Straw, MP, and Miss Alice Perkins.

Councillor A J Belton, Dr

Perkins.

Councillor A J Belton, Dr Margaret Bent, Professor Timothy Besley, Mr and Mrs Claud Bicknell, Judge Paul Clark, Professor Penelope J Corfleld, Dr S M Cretney, Mr E P Deakins, Professor and Mrs Michael Dummett, Mr and Mrs Robert Frunklin, Mr and Mrs Harrison, Dr and Mrs S J D Green, Mr Michael Hart, Mr David Harvey, Professor Peter Hennessy, Mr and Mrs Harry V Hodson, Professor Tony Honore, Mr William Hughes, Mr & C C Hunt, Professor

Luncheon Club entertained Mr

Bill Gates at a luncheon held yesterday at Mark Masons Hall.

St James's, Brigadier D.N. Locke, chairman, presided, Major-Gen-

eral P. Blunt, president, was

Mr Anthony Nelson, Minister for

Trade, was the host at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Govern-

ment last night at Lancaster House in honour of Mr Maqbool bin Ali

Sultan, Minister for Commerce

Mr lan Lang. MP, was the principal guest and speaker at a dinner of the United & Cecil Club

held last night at the House of Commons, by courtesy of Sir

Sydney Chapman, MP. Sir Mar-cus Fox, MP, chairman, presided.

Mr Oliver Lodge also spoke.

among the guests.

HM Government

and Industry, Oman.

United & Cecil Club

Dinners

I C M Hunt, Mr G G Jay, Mr and Mrs R D Kennard, Mr Jeremy Lever, Mrs C E Lewis, Dr and Mrs Ian Little, Miss Amanda McDowell, Mr Scott Mandelbrote.

Mr Benedict Meynell, Professor Tom Meade. Mrs James Meade, Mr John Mills, Professor Kenneth Morgan. Professor Edward Morlimer. Dr Alastair Niven, Mrs S Norris, Professor Ben Pimiott, Mr I de L Radice, Mr Brian Rathbone, Mr Malcolm Reid. Mr Christopher Roberts, Mr John Robins and Dr P R Morlson, Mr and Mrs Michael Sayers, Mr John Smoker.

Hugh Stephenson, MrJ T Stewart, Mr Michael Stewart, Dr and Mrs Anthony Storr, Mr Richard Stott, Mr M L Tait, Professor J S Vickers, Mrs K van Praag, Mr and Mrs Gordon Wasserman. Mr Michael Wilson

Dr John Davis (Warden, All Souls College, Oxford) with Dr Roger Hood (Sub-Warden). Dr John Balley (Bursar) and Mrs Bailey and other past and present members of the college; Mr W H Dove (Antiee Foundation), Mr and Mrs David Thorpe. Mr and Mrs Mark Cornwalk-Jones. Ms Dorothy O'Donneil and Ms Jan Tomlinson (Battersea Churches and Chelsea Housing Trust).

Mr and Mrs Simon Sturgis (Churchill Memorial Concerts (Churchill Memorial Concerts Committee), Ms Dianne Hayter (chief executive, European Parliamentary Labour Party), Mr and Mrs J J Fallon (Gallipoli Association), Mr Edward Barber (treasurer, Labour Euro-Safeguards Campaign), Dr Harvey McGregor (Warden, New Colicge Oxford), Mr Anthony Howard (The Mass), Mr Peter Robinson (director, Trades Union Committee for European and Tansatlantic Understanding), Mr Paul Beckwith (Minster Lovell Cricket Club), and many other friends.

Appointments Mr Bill Woodrow, the sculptor, to be a trustee of the Tate Gallery for a five-year period.

Legal

Judge John Main, QC, to be part-time President of the Transport

Mr Peter Henry Clarke, a fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, to be a full-time mem-ber of the Lands Tribunal from September 2

Deputy lieutenants

The following are appointed deputy lieutenants for Aberdeenshire: Mrs Nicola Bradford. John Alexander Campbell Don, the Hon Malcolm Nigel Forbes, Master of Forbes, and Mrs Bridget Rusemary Zilla Tuck.

Forthcoming marriages Major E.A. Smyth-Osbourne and Miss L.H. Turner

Mr. C.E. Alexander and Miss C.L. Baldwin

between Charles, son of Mr Ron-ald Alexander, of St Andrews, Scotland, and Mrs Rosemary
Dobry, of Stoneacre, Kent, and
Camilla, younger daughter of Mrs
Jeannie Hollebone, of Noss Mayo,
Devon, and Mr Michael Baldwin, of Newton Ferrers, Devon. Mr M.S. Cartlick

and Miss L. Patterson The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs Stuart Cartlich, of Ealing. London, and Lynda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Eric terson, of Croydon, Surrey. Mr I.D. Fleming and Miss D.M.P. Parry de

Winton The engagement is announced between lain David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Stuart Fleming Edinburgh, and Davidona Mary Patricia, daughter of the late Mr Nicholas Parry de Winton and of Madam Farquharson of Invercauld, and stepdaughter of Captain Alwyne Compton Farquharson of Invercauld, MC. Mr B. Jameson

and Miss N. Daintry The engagement is announced between Barnaby, elder son of Mr and Mrs Conrad Jameson, of Avenue Studios, London SW3, and Natasha, daughter of Captain Garry Daintry, of Prince of Wales Drive, London SWII, and Mrs Nicholas Freeman, of Egerton Terrace, London SW3. Mr R.K. Mannix

and Miss J.M.A. Grose The engagement is announced between Robert, youngest son of the late Edward A. Mannix and of Mrs Eleanor Mannix, and Jessica, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Martyn Grose, of Thurlestone. South Devon. Mr P.H. Mitcheli

and Miss S.E. McLeod The engagement is announced between Paul, elder son of Mr and Mrs Colin Mitchell, of Pershore. Worcestershire, and Sandra Eliza beth, daughter of the late Euan McLeod and of Mrs Patricia McLeod, of Charleywood, Herts.

Mr T.G. Sykes and Miss J. Napier The engagement is announced be-tween Toby, younger son of Mr and Mrs Richard Sykes, of London, and Jessica, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Napier, of Kew, Surrey.

Marriages

Folkingham, Lincolnshire.

The engagement is announced

Smyth-Osbourne. The Life Guards, only son of Mr and Mrs William Smyth-Osbourne, of 29

The Close, Salisbury, Wiltshire, and Lucy Helen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon Turner, of

Edward Alexander

Lieutenant Commander A.L. Coles, RN, and Miss E. MacCaw

The marriage took place quietly, yesterday, of Lieutenant Comnander Andrew Coles, RN, and Miss Emma MacCaw.

Mr L.H.M. Morris and Miss A.E. Oppenheimer

The marriage took place on Sat-urday at The Church of The Ascension, Burghelere, Hamp-shire, of Mr Hugo Morris, youn-gest son of the late Mr Richard Morris and of Mrs Richard Morris ris, of London, to Miss Arabella Oppenheimer, youngest daughter of Mr Anthony Oppenheimer, of Burgheiere, Hampshire, and Mrs Frederick Barker, of Highworth, Wiltshire. The Rev Carl Le Prevost officiated and Dom Daniel Rees gave an address.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Ilona Guest. Chloe King, Megan Pudney, Alice Reid, Adam Beesley, William Powell-Brett and George Simon. Mr Rupert Morris was best man. A reception was held at the home

of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

and Miss E.K. Lloyd

The marriage took place on Friday, July 12, 1996, at St John the Baptist, Cirencester Parish Church, Gloucestershire, of Mr Graeme Wilson, younger son of Mr and Mrs Ray Wilson, of Johannesburg, South Africa, to Miss Kate Lloyd, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Lloyd, of Cirencester. Canon Hedley Ringrose, Vicar of Cirencester. officiated.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Andrea del Sarto, painter, Florence, 1486; John Jacob Astor, fur trader, Waldorf. Germany, 1763; Shmuel Agnon, novelist, Nobel Jaureate 1966, Buczacz, Galicia (now Poland), 1888; Earl Stanley Gardner, detec tive story writer, Malden, Massachusetts, 1889; James Cagney, actor, New York, 1899; Christina Ellen Stead, novelist, ney, New South Wales, 1902. for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr T J Hood: Upper
Warden, Mr F C D Berry Green: DEATHS: Janet Douglas, Lady Glamis, burnt at the stake, Edin-burgh, 1537; Adam Smith, econo-Renter Warden, Mr P E Cooper ist, Edinburgh, 1790; Charlotte Corday, assassin of Jean-Paul Marat, executed, Paris, 1793;

Brighton College Charles Grey, 2nd Earl Grey, Prime Minister 1832-4. Alnwick, Northumberland, 1845; John Lingard. Roman Catholic historian, Hornby, Lancashire, 1851; Alvaro Obregon, President of Mexico 1920-24, assassinated, Mexico City. 1928; James McNeill Whistler, painter, London, 1903; Jules-Henri Poincaré, French statesman. Paris, 1912; George William Russell (A.E.), writer. Bournemouth,

grade, 1946; Billie Holiday, jazz singer, New York, 1959. Thomas Saint of London patented the first sewing machine, 1740.

Punch was first published, 1841. The Potsdam Conference, headed by Churchill (later, Attlee), Truman and Stalin, opened, 1945.

1935; Draza Mihajlovic. leader of

Yugoslav Chetniks, executed, Bel-

Lecture

Wellington Society Mr Arthur D. McG. Steele delivered a lecture to the Wellington Society yesterday at the Wellington Hospital. Dr Arthur Levin, chairman of the society, presided.

Vintners' Company The following have been installed

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The Council of Brighton College are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Anthony Seldon, MA, PhD, FRHistS, MBA, as Headmaster from September 1997. He will succeed Mr John Leach, who will be retiring after ten distinguished years at the College. Dr Seldon's previous appointments have been at Whitgift. Tonbridge and St Dunstan's College, where he is currently Deputy Headmaster.

Inner Temple

TRADE: 0171 481 1982

FAX: 0171 481 9313

Graeme Williams, QC, Robin Purchas, QC, and Geoffrey Nice, QC, have been elected Masters of the Bench of the Inner Temple

BMD'S: 0171 680 6880

PRIVATE: 0171 481 4000

What is the kingdom of God Mor? Jesus continued. 'To what shall I compare II? It is the a mustard seed which a DEATHS

man took and sowed in hi garden; and it grew to be a tree and the birds came to roost among the branches. Luke 13 : 18.19 (REB) BIRTHS

BORAIKO - Gillian on 12th July at The Portland Hospital to Carl, Karyn, Cassie and Eliza, Well donet SRISCOE - On 11th July at The Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. to Jonathan and Cherie. a son. William Edward.

DANIEL - On July 15th in Washington DC. to Laura (nice Papi) and James, a daughter, Solia Isabella. GUERTYZ - On July 16th in Switzerland, in Deborah (nie Linwood) and Guy, a sen, Edward Frederick. HOWIESON — To Robert an Kareo, a besutiful daughte Amy Elizabeth Mackenzie 5 pm on 18th July 1996.

MILLER - On July 9th 1996, to Gina (nie MacRae) and James, a daughter, Charlotte, a sister for Sophie DGHLVTE - On 5th July 1996, to Georgina (née Paravicini) 1 Alex

PEACOCK POCHIN - On July 14th, to Jayne and John, a son.

PEARICE - On 10th July at St Many's Hospital. Paddington. to Virginia (see Miller) and Gareth. a daughter. Octoagh Leonara Florence (Leonara). a sister to Caroline, Erman and Davina.

RICHARDSON - On July 12th at The Portland Hospital to Tricia and Peter, a beomitted doughter. Sarah Ellen. a sister for William. RICHARDSON - On Priday July 12th, to Katherine Cole Battern and Charles, a son. Hamilah Charles, a brother and friend to Bucham. RICHARDSON - On July 14th. to Caroline (nee Windeler) and Nigel, a son. James Schantian. VICKERS - On July 13th, to Rowspa and Colin, a 20s. Edward Peter.

SACH - Henry in hospital on 18th July aged 78 after a long lilness. borns with dignity, Much loved husband of Madeleina, father of Alan and Yvetle. Fineral 1 pm Thursday 18th July at Edgwarebury Lane Cemetary, Edgware. Flowers may be sent to M.M. Broad & Sop. 12 Woodside Lane. London, N12, bet (0181) 441 6047.

PASTIDE - William Edgar (BID) middenly on 10th July Beloved husband of the late Beloved husband of the late Margard, Juther and father-in-law of Derek. Susan and Judith and grandfather of Deniet and Helen. Funeral Service at \$1. Jude's Church, Southsea on Friday. July 19th at 2.15 pm. Enoutifee to Barrelle (01706) 824831.

SURRICE - Erica (née Lloyd-Jones, formerly Woolley). Peacefully on July 12th at Uppingham. Rutland. Beloved wife of Denis, much loved mother to Martin. John, James, Richard and Susan, greatly missed by fifteen grandchildren. Funeral Service in Belion (family and village only) at 12 noon on Monday July 22nd, followed by interment privately. Date of Thanksqiving Service in Uppingham to be announced.

CLARK - Edna. Widow of John Clark. Suddenly at home. Safty missed by all her ramity. Funeral at St Mary's Church. Beaumarts. on Priday 19th July at 11 am., Enquiries to J.O. Williams. I Rose Hill. Beaumaris. Anglesty.

COMBRE - Betty Muriel on July I 1th peacefully at Joydale, wife of the laig Francis (Ginger), dearly loved sunt and grott-sunt. Descences formerly at St hatthew's, Britton, Will be sadly missed by her family and many friends, Funcial Service on Friday 19th July at 12.15 pm at St Matthew's, Britton, Denetices if wished to the Stroke Association, Whitecross Street, ECI Y & J. Enquiries to Edmand & Sons on (0171) 978-8154.

DEATHS COX – June (née Falle) on 14th July 1996, pascutully after illusers at the Princess Elizabeth Houghtal. beloved wife of Peter, mother of Richard and ian. Funeral service prior to cremation at Le Foulam Chaper on Thursday 18th July at 2.30pm. Memorial Service at St. Peter's Church. Sark. on Saturday 20th July at 1.30pm. Family flowers only, donations in Heu to Camer Research Campaign c/o Mr R.W. Foole, Les Sapins. Rue du Frie Plaidy. Castel, or to Professor Saint Fund. c/o Midland Bank. Sark. CQX - Jane (née Falle) on 142

EDWARDES JONES EDWARDES JONES George on 18th July 1996,
peacefully in hospital after a
fall. Beloved husband of
Mary and father of John and
Patricia. Funeral Service at
the Church of St Peter and St
Paul, Wadfathst on Monday
22nd July at 12 noon.
Family flowers only.

ESKINE - Mariora at boo EREKURE - Mariora at home, in Swinton on July 18th 1996 in her 97th year, widow of Magor General ian Ersiche und nother of John Swinton, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Fumeral at Mortonhall Crematorium Pestiand Chapel on Tuesday July 25rd at 11,45 at, There will be a Memorial Service in Swinton Kirk on a date to be announced.

FRASER - Arthur Thomas (Arch). Died pescololly on (Arch). Died pescefully of 14th July at Nuffield House Bournemouth aged 50 Soursemouth aged 80. Treasured and devoted husband to Marie and much loved father who will be sadly missed. Funeral Friday 19th July 2 pm. Flowers to Soursemouth Crematersum.

FRASER-ALLEN - Joseph (Vernorty Peterson/Kobrak) pamed away 12th July 1996. We love you and you will always be with us. From your family xx MAGGETT - Pat peacefully on July 14th. Funeral at Pubmy Vale Crematorium. Stag Lane. London SW15, on Monday July 22nd at 12 noom. Flowers to T.H. Sanders & Son. 447 Upper Richmond Road West. London SW14 7FR.

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HOMEER - Jacqueline, widow of Thomas Astell Hohler, peacefully at home on July 13th 1996. Funeral at welveston on Friday 19th July at 11 am. Flowers to Camp Hopson F/D. Narthbrook Street. Newbury. tel: (01638) Newbury. tel: (01636) 522210. HOUSTON - Alian James after a brave fight against cancer, died poscensty on July 13m aged 73 in the presence of his family. He will be sorely missed by his beloved wife Norma, his devoted family and many friends. Funeral Service to be held at Breakspear Greenstorium. Ruisite. on Monday 22nd July at 2 pm.; Family flewers only please. Donstons if desired to The League of Friends. Michael Sobel House, Mount Vernon Hospital. Rickmantsworth

ital. Rickmansworth Northwood, Middlesex

DEATHS GNG - George Basil aged 95 beloved husband of Ethne o beloved husband of Ethns of St Chac's Lodge, Ampisforth Abbey, died Juby 15th 1996. Funeral at St Benedict's Caurch, Ampisforth Village, at 11 am on Thursday July 18th. No flowers piezes but any donations to St Benedict's. Ampisforth Village, R.I.P.

LEVLAND - William James on 13th July 1996 at Edenbridge Cottage Houseld. Durry leved husband of Minread. leved and leving father of Alison and Alaskaff. Crunation at 1 pm at Survey and Sussex Crematurum. Worth, on Friday 19th July. followed by a Thantheylving Service at 5 pm at the Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul. Edenbridge. Kunt. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cissa/Stroke. CisSA House. Whitecross Street. London

MACK - Mary Ursula (Molly)
pracevicity at Manor Barn
Nursing Home. Chichester
on 14th July 1995 aged 37
years, Service Lady Chapel.
Chichester Cathedral
Monday 22nd July at 12
non followed by buriel in
Chichester Cemelery.
Flywers to Edward White &
Sout. 5. South Pallant.
Chichester (01243) 782136.

PERSONAL COLUMN

MEREDITH - Doctor Terrance Roy B.A.. B.M., B.Ch., D.R.C.O.G., M.R.C.G.P. on Friday 12th July 1996 and 45 years, after a courtiected day years, after a courtiected day years, after a courtiected day of the courtiest and the court of the court of the courtiest of the court of the courtiest of the court of the court of the courtiest of the courtie

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Michael and much loved
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place. TYRDALE - Major Charles Heary Ouise aged 78 pescafally at home, on July 11th. A real gentleman, dearly loved by family. Irients and all whose lives he louched. A Memorial Service will be held at 81 Peter's Church. Ash. Surrey, on Monday 22nd July at 2,45sm. No flowers by request. Desatlons to The Crance School, Church Lane East, Aldershot, Cult 1 3HR.

WALMSLEY - Alexander David and 59 on July 14th peacefully at The John Raddiffe Hospital, Oxford, dearly leved husband, faither, grandfether and Parish Priest. Thankspiving Service at St. Merry's, Cheltenhum, at 12 noon-Tuesday July 25th, Family, Howers only, Donadents if desired to the Church Mission Society c/o Coopersture Funcial Service, 2 Hendred Sirvet, Gowley.

WHITTLE - On July 16th 1996, Dorotty Lady Whittle aged 92 died peacefully and with dignity after a very artor litness. Private cremation, A Service of Thunksyving to be arranged in the name spine.

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Pandro Berman, Hollywood producer, died on July 13 aged 91. He was born on March 28, 1905.

PANDRO BERMAN outlived almost all his contemporaries from the golden age of Hollywood. While he never carried the financial weight of one of the big studio moguls, he had infinitely more creative influence over the final product than those executive producers for whom he worked. He kept the standard of that product high, combining his job as a film's line producer (the man who supervises every detail of production), with that of unofficial midwife to the fledgeling careers of his actors. It was Berman who engineered the inspired dance partnership between Fred Astaire and a young exvaudeville actress named Ginger Rogers. With them, he produced some of the most delightful musical comedies of the 1930s.

Pandro Samuel Berman was born in Pittsburgh and educated locally. He never went to college, arriving in Hollywood in the 1920s and serving his apprenticeship during the last days of gilent films. His father was a minor executive at Universal Pictures, and he secured his son a job at a small studio called the Film Booking Office. Fortunately this later merged with RKO. allowing Berman to work his way up at RKO under David O. Selznick whose assistant he had become by the end of the decade.

He was seen as something of a boy wonder at the studio — assistant director, editor and producer on a score of films by 1934, when he bought the first starring vehicle for Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire. These two had known each other since the days when both were appearing on the New York stage. They had already apneared in supporting roles together. dancing the Carioca, in Flying Down to Rio the previous year. The RKO top brass saw there was money to be made in pairing them together in starring roles. Berman, the new head of production at the studio, was asked to find the right vehicle.

He went to New York, saw Astaire dancing in The Gay Divorcee and bought the property for the screen for Astaire and Rogers. Astaire was not overpleased by the idea of Rogers. He had been tearned with his sister Adèle for such a long time as a young man, that he feared being identified yet again with one woman. Rogers, he worried, was more keen on proving herself as a serious actress, and was not a professional tap dancer.

Divorcee was, as the studio had Despite his misgivings. The Gay predicted, a box office triumph. It was followed by more Rogers and Astaire partnerships, at the rate of one a year. all produced by Berman: Top Hat, Follow the Fleet, Swing Time, Shall

PANDRO BERMAN



Pandro Berman with Ginger Rogers on the set of Fifth Avenue Girl, 1939

We Dance?, Carefree and The Story of Vernon and Irene Castle. The finished product of these masterly collaborations with composers like Cole Porter, the Gershwins, Irving Berlin and Jerome Kern, made magical viewing. There were light comedy plots, wonderful tunes and great dances for audiences to enjoy. Only Berman, behind the scenes, knew the effort of co-ordinating these vast projects and indeed getting them into production at all. Whatever the public thought, Astaire remained unconvinced about the benefits of working with Rogers. Every time Berman found a new vehicle, he had to cajole and bully Astaire into accepting it.

Rogers and Astaire were not the only Berman discoveries. He had cast Bette Davis in Of Human Bondage in 1934, the film which really kick-started her career. By the late 1930s Berman was also working with the Marx Brothers on Room Service and Charles Laughton on The Hunchback of Notre Dame. By now he was considered the most creative producer on the RKO lot. But it was still a small studio compared to Universal and MGM. When its new president, George Shaffer, arrived in 1939, he demanded that the output be

raised to 55 films a year (15 more than the average at the time). Berman thought that the studio was overextending itself, resigned and accepted a proposal from Louis B. Mayer at Berman was at MGM from 1940 to

1967 and produced some of its finest films during that time. In 1944 he took a chance in casting the young Elizabeth Taylor in National Velvet (she was determined to get the part, which called for a slightly older girl, and grew three inches in two months, almost, it seemed, by an act of will). Berman was one of those who had originally thought Taylor wrong for the role. But, once he had accepted the choice, he set about developing her career with the same flair he had shown with Rogers and Astaire. He provided her with Father of the Bride (1950); and supported her, through a worn-out, anxious stage in her life, during the filming of Ivanhoe in England in 1952. Taylor was less pleased with Berman ten years later, when he held her to her contract, and made her film Butterfield 8 (which she loathed, but which won her the Oscar for Best Actress) before releasing her for much more lucrative work on Cleopatra.

Berman's output at MGM slowed down during the 1950s, although it included some big projects like The Prisoner of Zenda. With executive reshuffles at the studio in 1956, Berman became more of an independent producer, distributing his films through MGM.

The arrangement suited him well. During the 1960s, when the studio was not enjoying good fortune, he produced some of their biggest commercial hits: The Prize with Paul Newman, and A Patch of Blue with Sidney Poitier. He left MGM in 1967, spent two years with 20th Century Fox, and then retired gracefully for good.

In his retirement in Beverly Hills, Berman was rewarded not only by witnessing the enduring popularity of his films, but by various awards. At the Oscars in 1977, he was awarded the highest honour possible for a producer, the Irving G. Thalberg Memorial Award.

He was married twice. His first marriage, to Viola Newman in 1927, ended in divorce. He married his second wife. Kathryn Hereford, in 1960. She died in 1993. He leaves a son and two daughters from his first

EDILIO RUSCONI

Edilio Rusconi, Italian magazine editor and publisher, died in Milan on July 10 aged 79. He was born on November 11, 1916.

EDILIO RUSCONI dominated the postwar Italian popular magazine market, first as an editor and later as publisher of a series of photographic weeklies. They played on nostalgia for the monarchy, traditional Roman Catholic values and anti-communism.

Rusconi was 30 when the publisher Angelo Rizzoli agreed to a proposal to revive the old weekly title Oggi (Today) which had been suspended by the Fascist authorities. As its Editor from 1945, Rusconi devised a sentimental formula that appealed to an Italy that was weary of war and eager to return to normal life. The first issue on July 21, 1945, had 16 pages and cost 15

Rusconi surrounded himself with a team of enthusiastic young journalists and played on royalist sentiment when a year later Italy voted by a narrow majority to abolish the monarchy and King Umberto and his family went into exile in Portugal. By 1950 its circulation had soared to half a million and by 1955 to 760,000 copies.

Oggi supported all the European royal families and argued that Italy's main problem was the threat from international communism. Prominent Christian Democrat politicians signed its editorials. Some 70 per cent of its readers were women and often Rusconi would reject articles by reporters, saying: "Si piange poco" (too few tears). Later Rusconi would boast: "l made the Italians dream and the little seamstresses cry."

He had an affectionate relationship with Pope Pius XII. One of his biggest scoops was to reveal that, when the Pontiff was ill, Jesus Christ had appeared at his bedside. It was a story, however, that the Vatican authorities were not prepared to confirm.

Rizzoli encouraged the young Editor by promising him half a lira for every copy that he sold in excess of the magazine's rival, Europeo. By the early 1950s Oggi had reached its target and was selling more than its rival.



Rusconi was given a free hand 10 undertake other business enterprises while at the helm. But in 1956 he parted company with Rizzoli, set up his own magazine, Gente (People), which was more or less identical to Oggi in format but which was soon winning the circulation battle.

Gente was started on shoestring capital of only 50 million lire. But it soon attracted such well known writers as Luigi Barzini, Italy's most famous foreign correspondent, who agreed to sell Rusconi his memoirs. Rusconi annoyed Barzini, however, by rewriting the text and the deal was scrapped.

Rusconi went on to a build up a constellation of about 20 weekly magazines, including Gioia (Joy) and Eva. both publications aimed at women, as well as travel and motoring titles.

In the 1970s and 1980s, Rusconi experimented, unusually unsuccessfully, with investments in other media fields. In 1973 he bought a 50 per cent share in the Rome

was rebuffed by the journalists who rejected his choice for Editor. A political weekly II Settimanale did not work either. He dabbled in cinema. backing an ailing Luchino Visconti in his direction of the film Gruppo di Famiglia in un interno.

As an old man Rusconi also made an unsatisfactory venture into television as the owner of the private channel Italia 1. This he eventually ceded to the politician and tycoon Silvio Berlusconi.

Although he was known as the king of Italian popular journalism in a country without tabloid newspapers, Rusconi was a cultured man. He wrote several books, including Common Solitude, a collection of portraits of con-temporary Italian writers, two novels Casamento 84 and II cuore è una città (The Heart is a City), and a collection of short stories Giorni sul fiume (Days on the River).

In 1985 he handed over chairmanship of his group to Alberto, his son by his wife Luciana, both of whom survive him. newspaper Il Messaggero but

PROFESSOR HUGH DAVSON

Professor Hugh Davson. physiologist and medical scientist, died on July 2 aged 86. He was born on November 25 1909.

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WIDELY known for the Davson-Danielli model of the cell membrane, Hugh Davson and his colleague Jim Danielli had first propounded the idea in the late 1930s; it appears today, scarcely modified, in the most elementary texts of physiology.

Davson's life's work made many fundamental contributions to physiology, ophthalmology, the study of the cerebrospinal fluid and the

blood-brain barrier. It led to an understanding of how mol-ecules enter and leave cells, and of how the fluid environment of the brain and eye are controlled. This knowledge is central to the design of new drugs which have to cross cell membranes in order to be

At University College School, Hampstead, Hugh Davson did not shine, so his father, a GP, arranged for him to work for one of his patients at the Baltic Exchange. Finding the work tedious, he persuaded his father to pay the fees for University College London (for which he had

already matriculated, unknown to his parents) to study

There he met Danielli and gained a first class degree in 1931. Next, the vitamin biochemist Jack (later Sir Jack) Drummond invited him to study permeability. Using red blood cells, Davson, often in collaboration with Danielli, studied the movement of the charged ions sodium and potassium across the cell membrane. This led to the theory of the cell membrane, the Davson-Danielli model, and the publication of Permeability of Natural Membranes in 1942.

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Davson then applied for a Medical Research Councilfunded post to work with the ophthalmologist Stewart (later Sir Stewart) Duke-Elder on the causative factors in glaucoma — a common cause of blindness. During this time Dayson proved that swelling of the vitreous body was not the cause of the intra-ocular pressure rise that results in glaucoma, the theory that had

The economic situation of the 1930s, together with the rise of the Nazis in Germany, led Davson to join the Communist Party. He was interviewed after the war by the

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been espoused by Duke-Elder.

security service and asked about his student friends in MI5's hunt for the Third Man. It was not until the 1950s that he realised that communism was not the way forward and that Stalinism was as bad as Fascism. In 1936 Dayson was offered

Beit Fellowship, which en-abled him to develop his work on cell membranes in the United States. From 1939 he had a period at Dalhousie University. But after the outbreak of war he returned to England to offer his services to the Government. He worked first at Porton Down, studying the effect of mustard gas on the eye. Later he applied his knowledge of optics to the evaluation of infra-red night sights which had been captured from German units. These were found to be streets ahead of anything that the Allies possessed. In order to evaluate the equipment Davson learnt to drive a Sherman tank and to guide it around Surrey lanes in the

red sights. After the war Davson continued to work on the problems of glaucoma, and he established a Medical Re-search Council research group at the Institute of Ophthalmology in 1946, this again in collaboration with Duke-Elder. During this time he wrote The Physiology of the Eye, a work which went through five editions and formed the standard

dark with the aid of the infra-

text for ophthalmologists. But he had a number of differences with Duke-Elder and asked to be moved from the control of the institute to that of the Medical Research Council. This provoked a crisis which split the ophthalmology unit, a number of whose a Rockefeller Foundation Scholarship, followed by a members threatened to leave unless they could work with Dayson. Eventually he was able to form a small group of his own at the institute.

These difficulties led Dayson to return to University College in 1951 to study the blood-brain barrier and the *cerebrospinal fluid. During this time he advanced the understanding of the blood-brain barrier, the very existence of which at the time was denied by many. Nevertheless, time was to show that it was the presence of this barrier which preserved a constancy of the fluid environment for the brain, without which it could not function.

In 1951 Davson published Textbook of General Physiology, which ran to four editions. and in 1956 Physiology of the Ocular and Cerebrospinal Fluids, which also ran to four editions. He also edited three editions of Starling's Physiology and started a short Introduction to Physiology, co-authored with Malcolm Segal.

Davson retired from University College in 1975 and was awarded a Fogarty Fellowship at the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland. The following year he returned as Senior Research



Fellow at King's College, London, to work with Michael Bradbury and David Begley. Later, in 1984 he moved to the Sherrington School of Physiology, United Medical and Dental Schools, St Thomas' Hospital, London, as Emeritus Professor to work with Malcolm Segal.

Davson was formally honoured more abroad than in the UK, principally in the US, Japan and South America. He could not abide what he considered to be scientific pomposity and bluster, and would publicly explode the ideas of some of his senior colleagues. But he was dedicated to the development of younger scientists in whom he

saw promise. In the 1980s he took an interest in the development of neuroscience in Belgrade and

as a consequence was made a Fellow of the Serbian Academy of Science, only the third Englishman after Gladstone and Henry Moore to have done so. He took the trouble to make a speech to the Academy in Serbo-Croat, much to the amazement and delight of the audience.

The name Davson is known to every student of physiology today. He published more than 200 scientific papers and wrote 20 books. His work was contributed over so long a period that many assumed he was a historical rather than a living figure. Some years back, one of his granddaughters in a physiology lecture, being instructed on the Dayson-Danielli model, was told about this long-deceased scientist. "No he's not," she interjected, "he's my grandfa-ther and is very much alive". The lecturer stopped in his tracks.

Davson had many interests outside science. He was widely read and could quote tracts of Shakespeare, Gibbon and Johnson. He appreciated fine wine and good beer and kept gardens in both Wimbledon and Devon. It was whilst tending his garden in Georgeham that he died, hav-ing enjoyed another enthusiasm, a long walk along the north Devon coast, the day before.

His wife Marjorie, a distinguished portrait painter, pre-deceased him by two years. He is survived by a daughter

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July 17, 1937

Long before the appearance of "road rage", there was a feeling that old-time courtesy was lacking on the roads. Perhaps the police should be given powers to deal with such lapses.

nered driver who infuriated other drivers and started a vicious circle by passing to the head of a waiting queue during traffic congestion.

Why not give the police power to deal with this lapse of courtesy in a summary manner by sending the offending driver to the side of the road and taking his driving licence away from him for an hour? This punishment could be extended to the lesser speeding offences.

LORD ELIBANK said he intended to introduce into the House of Lords next session a Bill, the effect of which would be to give back to magistrates the discretionary powers taken from them under the existing Traffic Act re-

garding the endorsement of driving licences for exceeding the speed limit. Existing regulations were much too severe on motorists.

LORD HOWE said that if Lord Elibank's

Bill was designed in any way to favour motorists it was bound to meet strong

opposition in the Lords, where the Pedestrians'

Association was well represented. With a little more give and take they could do much to reduce the tall of accidents. CERTIFIED BLIND MAN

WHO DRIVES A CAR A man, certified as a blind person, who has held a driving licence for 10 years, drives a car and rides a bicycle, is mentioned by a London surgeon, Mr J. Myles Bickerton, in a letter in the British Medical Journal.

The motorist was found to be genuinely blind within the Blind Persons Act and had been drawing a blind pension for 10 years. "The case was brought to my notice by a man who had been his passenger on a journey to fetch his blind pension money," states Mr Bickerton. "In any case he told me himself that he was too blind to read the regulations in the fine print in which they are typed! He had only one eye, but could read the number plate at 25 yards with a pocket telescope speciacle."



Steaming hot: York's railway museum restaurant offers local specialities such as Yorkshire curd tarts

Widget Finn finds out how rain affects sandwiches at Britain's attractions

On the tourist menu

"Ace caff — quite a nice museum attached", the diehards were apopleptic. The marketing campaign was designed to shock, says Robin Cole-Hamilton, head of public affairs. "It showed that the V & A recognises that people don't just come for great works of art: they also expect a good cup of coffee. As we're a museum, not a restaurant, we brought in the

experts to manage our catering."

Traditionalists may be mollified to know that the "caff" now contributes £250,000 to the V & A's annual income. UK tourist attractions will welcome 25 million overseas visitors and 125 million domestic tourists this year, at least half of them wanting refreshments.

The food at tourist sites must appeal to a range of tastes, from schoolchildren to sophisticated eat-ers, says Claire Ford, who designs

Then the Victoria & the menus for ten heritage sites
Albert Museum managed by Milburns Restaulaunched a marketing rants. The Imperial War Museum
campaign with the has a strong British following. has a strong British following, which is reflected in traditional food such as Lancashire hotpot and a high consumption of tea, while the British Museum attracts tourists from all over the world who want widely recognisable dishes like poached salmon and chicken.

Milburns includes local specialities in its heritage restaurants --Bath buns at the City's Pump Rooms, Yorkshire curd tarts at the British Railway Museum - and has themed menus for special exhibitions - diners at the Royal Academy's Venetian Exhibition could enjoy Venetian culinary specialities such as torta verde.

Cafés, brasseries, fast-food points or sandwich bars are the norm at tourist attractions. On the whole, tourists don't want to spend the time or money on a sit-down, waitress-served meal, although the National Railway Museum at York

is an exception. Its restaurant on Platform 3 has been serving a proper meat and two veg menu for most of the museum's 21 years. Contract caterers work closely

with their clients at tourist attractions to identify the visitor profile. which is essential for menu planning. The positioning of eating areas, the flow of visitors, even the opening times and weather are

We always undertake to increase the gross catering revenue. which means that our client, who gets a percentage of the takings, also benefits, says Evelyn Thurlby, development director of Gardner Merchant Leisure Services, whose contracts include the Royal Armouries, Hampton Court Palace and the Motor Museum at

Beaulieu in Hampshire.
The caterer's perfect visitor site has a food outlet near the entrance to make it accessible to people from outside. Further catering is placed at critical points such as the start of

tours, so that visitors can sit and plan their next move, with a larger eating point near the exit. In practice, the constraints of old buildings like Hampton Court mean that caterers have to compromise, although their contract often includes an opportunity to refurbish or tailor existing facilities.

Flexibility is the keynote of catering at tourist sites where numbers can vary daily according to events and weather. Gardner Merchant gets advance details of large booked parties so that small kiosks selling ice-cream and drinks can be opened or closed according to demand. And Pret A Manger, sandwich chain that does all the catering for the Tower of London's tourists, contacts the Weather Centre several times a day. "Rain can make a big impact on the business, affecting takings by 50 per cent," claims Richard Smith. operations manager. "The National Gallery is very busy when it rains, while the Tower goes quiet."

ompanies that decide to outsource their information technology operations should sign shortterm, tailor-made contracts. a survey of 40 companies shows. Better still, companies should give their existing in house teams a chance to do

the job efficiently. The three-year survey, car-ried out by Templeton College at Oxford University, covered large and small organisations in sectors including airlines, banking, chemicals, electronics, food, oil, retailing and

The report welcomes the competition that outsourcing has fostered but it argues that companies can do more to find the solution that suits them best.

The authors, Mary Lacity, an assistant professor at the University of Missouri, and Leslie Willcocks, lecturer in management studies at Oxford, found that IT contracts ran for up to ten years, with some companies outsourcing the whole IT function and

An inside job

Outsourcing is not always the best information technology strategy

others only parts. They say that the trigger for the change in the way in which IT operations were carried out came in 1989, when Eastman Kodak, the photographic giant, turned over most of its operations to three outsourcing partners. Senior executives of other major US companies followed, signing long-term contracts worth millions of dollars with IT

outsourcing partners. Similar outsourcing deals were signed in the UK by companies including BP Exploration, British Aerospace and Bhs, and by government departments such as the Inland Revenue and the Department of Social Security. By 1994, just over half of UK years, so contracts become increasingly outdated. Short-term contracts motivate vendors, because they realise that the customer may switch suppliers when the contract expires, while companies can recover and learn quickly from mistakes Unexpected costs arising

from outsourcing IT "consis-tently appeared" in the deals organisations were outsourcing some aspect of their information technology needs. the authors studied. Many Because IT spans such a sprang from oversights or weaknesses in evaluating the variety of activities, outsourcing should be done selectively. project before signing the The authors say: "No one vendor or internal IT departcontract. "In many cases organisations find themselves ment possesses the experience paying for the vendor's learnand economies of scale to curve, are locked into old perform all IT activities most technologies with high switcheffectively.' ing costs, or they incur large discretionary spending out-side the contract." The authors emphasise that contracts tailored to the orga-

nisation are better than trying The report says that interto set up strategic partner-ships with IT suppliers. nal IT departments should make more effort to bid for They argue that short-term contracts. Many outside bids contracts are preferable to are based on efficient long-term ones for several management practices that in-

reasons. Technology and house teams can achieve. business conditions cannot be To do so, they may have to break down the prejudices of predicted for more than three senior executives who resist improvements because of internal politics, then blame the IT managers for not making progress. Cost-saving measures such as consolidating data centres or standardising Develop your knowledge software packages are often

ejected by superiors. Successful decisions require senior management and the in-house IT experts to get together to make decisions.

RODNEY HOBSON Best Practices in Information Technology Sourcing, £65 from Templeton College, 01865 735 422 All change on the Tyne A plum PFI contract involves rehousing 13,000 civil servants

Building & Property, the facilities management company, has won a 25year preferred supplier con-tract in the first big property project of the Government's private finance initiative (PFI). In a joint venture with Amec, the construction group, it will supervise the £150 million redevelopment of the Department of Social Security's headquarters in Newcastle upon

The DSS occupies II sites in and around the city. The PFI will concentrate the department's offices on two main sites: Longbenton to the north, where Amec will be constructing 70,000 sq m of accommodation, and Washington to the south, where a 23,000 sq m office building is planned. The project involves extensive de-

molition and redevelopment. The bid was won in the face of stiff competition from Taylor Woodrow and W.S. Atkins. Brian Taylor, a Building & Property director, says: "We Property director, says: "We will not only provide fully-managed office space for the DSS, but we could eventually be providing a range of additional services, such as security, cleaning and catering.

In addition to the £150 million capital cost of construction, there is an annual sum for FM, which is likely to be about £4 million a year. The DSS will lease its new office buildings from Newcastle Estate Partnership, a company formed by Amec and Building

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sands of pounds. On the DSS scheme, negotiations lasted 18 months and it clearly helped that Building & Property. owned by its joint venture partner Amec and the civil engineering consultancy Pell Frischmann, was able to share bidding costs.

The DSS project is partly self-financing, which will minimise costs to the Government and provide a quid pro quo to the developer shouldering the risk. A vital factor in the deal was the DSS's releasng part of its sprawling Longbenton site to Amec Developments, which plans to build a 100-bed hotel and

leisure facilities. On the FM front, Building & Property's immediate problem will be managing the moves as 13.000 DSS staff are decanted from existing offices. Staff will be moved into temporary accommodation until the new offices are ready for occupafirst FM role will be managesmoothly, that the information technology stays up and running and that we meet health and safety requirements. It's a

very, very big exercise." He is looking forward to managing the new buildings. Being part of a consortium has given the FM company the chance to influence design at an early stage, and maintenance, security and operation will all be easier as a result. The design helps to ensure that whole-life costs for heating and ventilating plant are minimised, and Building & Property will let FM subcontracts on the basis of competitive tender. Mr Taylor says: "There is no preference for in-house companies."

Mr Taylor believes PFI will enable the department dramatically to reduce its FM costs. He says: "There are two ways they save money. Under the PFI, we had to price ? competitively and now that we are at the preferred-bidder stage the client will benchmark us against the cost of the traditional Government procurement process."

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Joint venturing with con-

tractors on PFI projects is part

of Building & Property's strat-egy to win more long-term

negotiated business as op-

posed to the standard five-year

FM contracts for which it has

to bid in competition. The

company is partnering Amec

in bidding for a £250 million

PFI scheme to redevelop the

Royal London Hospital and is

preferred bidder on a £10

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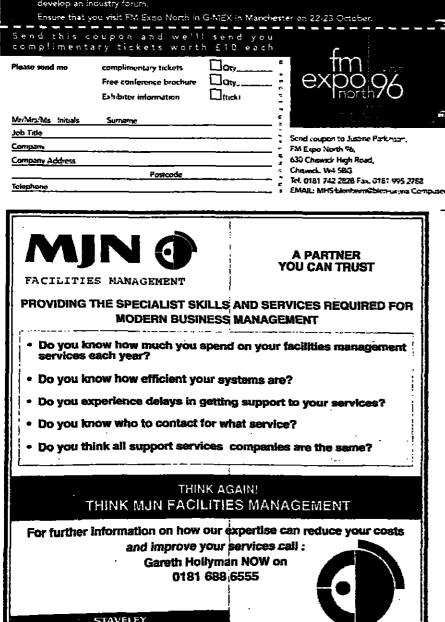
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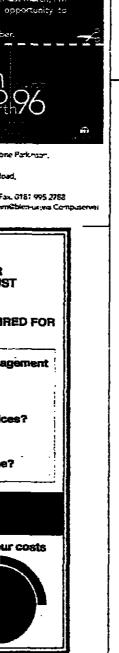
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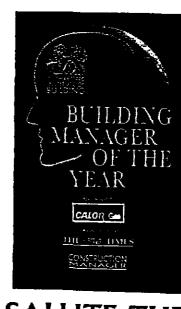
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THE J&D Organisation. a family-owned firm which supplies commercial support services to British Gas. BP Oil and London Underground, among others, is piloting a new service called Domestic Doctors. It promises fair, benchmarked charges to the public in their homes and reliable service by a fleet of satellite-controlled vans.

"Most domestic work is reactive," says Gra-ham Westley of J&D. The drains flood, the loo is blocked. That doesn't need to happen. A proac-tive visit will identify the leaves in the gutters, and a bit of wire mesh will save a lot of trouble. Cleaning carbon from the builer heads will save you problems later. Prevention is better than cure; that's the motto of the FM industry, and we are going to apply it to the domestic market."

☐ SPACE planning. benchmarking, catering, health and safety and performance-based contracting are among the topics chosen for Quadrilect's conference pro-gramme at the FM Expo North 96 exhibition at G-Mex, Manchester, on October 22 and 23.

More than 100 exhibitors have signed up for the show. Details: 0181-

☐ THE in-house facilities team bidding to provide support services to the army in the Salisbury Plain area has formed a partnership with Procord, the British arm of Johnson Controls FM.

Procord has also set up a property management service, backed by a software package; and a series of business briefings aimed at managers: details 01242 577277.

Domesday duty

Peter Brown

reports on the removal of the

national

archive to Kew

o walk into the Public Record Office at Kew is to step not only into the past but onto it. The entrance atrium is paved with slate taken from the PRO's headquarters at Chancery Lane, which dates from the 1850s. In those days slate shelves were the latest thing for document storage.

By Christmas, Chancery Lane, which lies off Fleet Street, will be closed: all its contents will have been moved to Kew to the annoyance of some scholars). The Domesday Book has yet to make the journey but the iron chest in which it once was kept already graces a Kew corridor. Its three separate locks (requiring three separate keyholders) are a reminder that security problems are nothing new. Security is handled in-house

at Kew, but keeping watch on the maintenance of mechanical and electrical works, window cleaning, landscaping, pest control and energy management are Alan Garner and John Short of Mowlem FM. which holds a partnership contract with the PRO.

"When it lost the services of the Property Holdings, the government agency, in April, the PRO was effectively jump-ing out of an aeroplane without a parachute," says Mr Short, Mowlem's change manager at Kew. "We are the parachute. We have the experience to take an overview."

Duncan Simpson, the PRO's director of corporate services, puts it slightly differently: "We looked for the parachute before we jumped," he says. "We had the choice of continuing with Property Holdings' successor, or going into the marketplace. Broadly speaking, all seems to be going well with the Mowlem contract."

Looking after the national archive is a heavy responsibility. Created for the conve- and an early-warning aspirat-



An engineer checks equipment at the Public Record Office in Kew, where the Domesday Book (left) will soon be stored

built into the system. Mould is the enemy, and smoke is the great danger."

the PRO now attracts scholars from all over the world to see documents such as Shakespeare's will, Bligh's account of the mutiny on the Bounty. Guy Fawkes's confessions and Captain Cook's charts.

Once a document has been requested (computerised lists are available to the public), it is taken from a repository and delivered to the reading rooms, usually by Telelift, an automated overhead railtrack. Some documents are so fragile that only the staff are allowed to turn their pages. In the repositories, the docu-

ments have to be kept at between 16C and 18C, but more important is the relative humidity, set at between 50 and 60 per cent. Air-handling units are set up in pairs, the second one to act as a reserve,

ing system sniffs for smoke. The chillers and the heating plant are all sized for back-," says Mr Short. "There is a of redundant equipment sively to and fro, reacting to light and heat sensors.

There are two, connected buildings at Kew. The first is a 1970s building for which Mowlem has awarded the outside the building fills up. Mowlem's partnership with maintenance contract to AHS Emstar. There were some control system problems, but Sieve

Parkinson, Emstar's director of building services management, ust, he says, is a problem. "Maintaining the right environment is cruci-All complaints are funnelled al, but I think we've cracked it. Now we're working towards

the Government's energy efficiency targets."

The second building, a E33 million extension, opened last September. Kyle Stewart, the main contractor, subcontracted the work to How Engineering, whose installation contract has a year and a half to run.

This building is designed to meet the annual 1.5km extension of the archive until 2010. Flexible joints are built into its steelwork to allow for a 50mm movement, as the documents

is pleased with progress.

are moved in and the building settles. Overhead, huge solar shading blinds whire impres-

Water is a potential danger: the Thames is tidal at Kew. No documents are stored in the basement or ground floor, and the roof is double-shelled. Should a storm coincide with high tide, a halancing pond

the PRO is going "as well as possible". Mr Garner says. It's like a marriage: communication is the key. And there has to be goodwill." Twice-weekly meetings are held with the PRO's estates team, and Mowlem chairs a monthly meeting to review progress.

through Mowlem, which already claims a faster response time to requests via the helpdesk. For the future, Mowlem is monitoring energy consumption and is looking at a combined heat and power unit and perhaps a desiccant dehumidifying process.

Mowlem will take a percent-

age of energy savings made over the contract period three years, with an option on a further two - so automatic heat and light controls are

Offices learn to cut costs

Multiskilling

has paid useful dividends

MANAGEMENT costs are falling, according to the quarterly The Times/Procord index of office costs. While the trend will continue, Andrew Gardiner. performance group manager at Procord, believes that many companies have learnt that cutting down too far on facilities management numbers can be a false economy. Rodney Hobson writes.

Property management costs per employee fell from £192 to E173 in the second quarter compared with the first quarthe index shows. Mr Gardiner cites changes in the way contracts are structured, general market pressure and improved management

He says: "Organisations have been looking at the management function and how they can manage facilities more efficiently. We are now seeing costs coming down as firms develop a multiskilling approach."

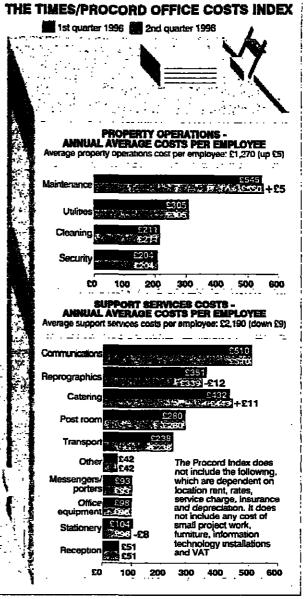
Traditionally, four or five heads of department have reported on facilities management through different chan-nels to the main board. Reports may come through the finance director, administration or personnel.

The property owned by an organisation may come under the finance director because it is a substantial cost while managing the facilities comes under a different department. Reporting channels can typically be cut to two with an office services manager and a technical services manager.

Mr Gardiner warns, how ever, that where management is cut back too hard there is a clear link between lower costs

and lower efficiency.

He says: "Quite often low resourcing, and therefore costs, in terms of the management function, go hand in hand with high costs for most or all of the other facility cost centres. When the ratio between the two is considered,



the false economy of doing this

can be seen. "Inadequate resourcing of

the facilities management function might save £100 an occupant a year, which represents £50,000 a year in a 10,000 sq m office building housing 500 people. If this leads to inefficient facility services, however, this might cost an additional 52,000 an occupant a year, or an additional £1 million a year.

"If a firm gets the manage-ment of its facilities wrong, it may employ a very good contractor to do the wrong job working to the wrong specifi-cations. More significantly, the quality of the service will probably be lower as well. This will lead to further costs

in terms of lost production." The fall in management costs was the main change in the second quarter. The cost of

reprographics and stationery also fell sharply.

Barry Varcoe, Procord international performance manager, says: "In reprographics, labour costs have risen by 3 per cent over the past year but paper costs have fallen dramatically, sometimes by as much as 20 per cent over the quarter. The reason is not entirely clear, although it seems that organisations had stockpiled paper and were running stocks down while prices were high. The overall effect of these shifts is a fall in reprographics costs by 3.5 per

cent."

The main cost increase came in catering, where labour and food costs continue to rise in line with inflation.

Overall, average property costs have fallen £23 per employee in the second quarter.



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When FM is caught on the hop

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hen we drive out of London of a Friday evening and head for Wales, my husband and I have switched to long-wave by the time we hit Reading. We have to if we want to listen to Radio 4 all the way. For Radio 4 is carried not only on FM, but on the blessed long wave, which stays with you up hill and down

to stick to FM. It offers superior quality and easy access to lots of the other stations that we like. But that would require retuning along the way because the short range of the FM signal means that its transmitters have to be dotted all over the country and

inevitably there are gaps in between.

Retuning a car radio is not easy at 70-plus miles an hour, even if done by a passenger holding the radio frequency guide. The BBC's engineers could not be more helpful. When you get to the middle of the M4, between Reading and Swindon, leave 93.5 and switch to 94.3. Then when

you get Ragian way, go over to 93.1, then between Abergavenny and Brecon back to the 94.3." Even so, near Abergavenny: "Under the flank of the hill — the 94.3 goes terrible."

Better, it is suggested, that we upgrade to a technology designed to meet the needs of the listener on wheels. An RDS radio (the letters stand for Radio Data System) is programmed to track any given

That is, it will take unto itself the road-rage-inducing task of finding where in the air the best FM signal for your desired station is flying.

Dare we take the plunge? True, the price has come down to about £100 for the cheapest sets. Alas, I am reliably informed, they don't live up to their promise. They have a habit of racing through the dial, hopping from one FM transmitter to another in search of a signal that meets their standard. As one retail supplier admitted to me: "They can get confused quite easily."

Unfortunately many important stations -Radios 1, 2 and 3, and Classic FM, to name but a few --- broadcast only on FM. It is a fact of life: FM is the fickle waveband. Fine for those fixed on one spot - in kitchen, bedroom or building site - but a pest on the road. A passing motorbike or tall building can cause a splat of static.

So why should 25 groups be fighting to own the last London-wide FM station likely to become available? Not for the quality of its promised reception. The Radio Authority, charged with awarding commercial radio licences, makes no bones about the difficulties. The allocation up for grabs, 104,9 FM, is about to be vacated by Melody Radio because of its unsatisfactory coverage in

The collective eagerness for London FM ownership springs from commercial radio's new prosperity. Revenues are soaring, and radio now takes a healthy 4 per cent of all spending on display (that is, not classified) advertising. A local radio can be run on a shoestring and big audiences are available. Canital Radio is one of the hidden for the

Capital Radio is one of the bidders for the new London FM licence because of the new Broadcasting Act. This allows, for the first time, a single owner to own two stations on the same waveband in a single area. Were Capital to win the new licence; it could put another one of its services, Capital Gold, now on medium wave, onto FM. Atlantic 252

nourishes similar hopes.

But what the Bill gives with one hand, it takes away with the other. It stipulates that before any owner can obtain a second London FM licence, the Radio Authority must judge that the award will increase "plurality and diversity" in the capital. One

easy way to this goal would be to pick one of the more narrowly targeted services on offer. Other applications are dedicated to: the Irish, the gay, the French, the middle-aged, the young, the old, the Tamil-speaking and the reggae-loving.

Yet the members of the Radio Authority could as logically decide that diversity will be best served by allowing Capital Gold and Atlantic 252 to reach, for the first time, the FM audience.

Shining temptingly over all this expansion is the American example. In most cities there seems to be a different station for each decimal point on the FM band. But America has the luxury of geographical separation. Broadcasting frequencies can be re-used, assigned in one city to Haitians, to Chinese or classical music lovers in another. But such re-use is not possible on a tight little

final word of caution. My technical advisers warn me against swallowing all the current enthusiasm about the next radio wonder. DAB (for digital audio broadcasting). DAB is coming beyond a doubt. And it will certainly allow a much wider expansion of commercial uses of the airwaves. But these are much more likely to be found in personal communications, such as mobile telephones and pagers.

Even the Department of Trade and Industry, whose enthusiasm for DAB is second only to the BBC's, acknowledges the snag. To provide any new national radio networks with digital transmission will require the replacement of all transmitters and, unless these are converted, of all radio sets. And when the DTI admits to doubts, you'd better have doubts yourself.

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The speech obviously



Hard times: John Carlisle and interviewer Paul Ross

country. One, a retired fireman, wrote him a cheque to ease the Tory's burdens.

Peter Allen, of Gloucester, said: "I was so incensed that I have sent him a cheque for 50p so he can buy a drink for someone without begrudging

HELP may be on its way to the Meat and Livestock Commission, which had its wrists slapped by the Advertising

Standards Authority last

The ASA upheld complaints over one of the commission's newspaper advertisements, which stated that beef was perfectly safe to eat and that there were even cases of vege-tarians getting CID, the hu-man equivalent of "mad cow" disease, BSE.

Rumour has it that a complimentary copy of the Rich-ards Butler A Guide to UK Advertising and Sales Promo-tion Law is currently winging its way to the commission's HQ in Milton Keynes. Helpfully, it contains a

special chapter entitled "Mis-leading Advertisements". Naked truth

NEWS that the Parliamentary Channel is launching its own Web site on the Internet could leave some MPs somewhat underwhelmed. The idea of the site, http://www.parlchan.co.uk/, is to provide continuously updated information about what is happening at the Palace of

With the click of a button, users will be able to call up a page for each of the sitting MPs, complete with colour photograph, biography and background information.

All very worthy in principle, but given that the latest craze on the Internet is to access naked images of famous people, certain Honourable Members might have reason

ly those who have gone to spend more time with their families after bearing rather. more than their soul to young ladies who have later reappeared to tell all in national

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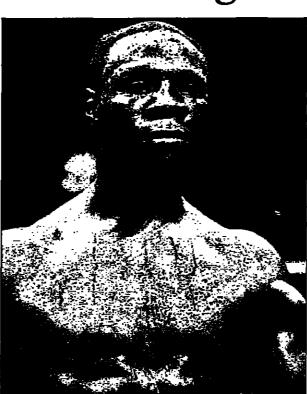
BASKING in rave reviews of its compelling series of programmes about poverty in Britain, Channel 4 is hosting a celebratory drinks party tomorrow night to thank all the directors, producers, researchers and so on who made the Broke! season so successful.

The season included the much-praised Postcards From the Edge series, highlighting the plight of the forgotten, poor and dispossessed living on the breadline at the fringes of society.

Many of the stories were so harrowing they reduced viewers and television critics to

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There's just one problem. The ASA can rule only on advertisments in the United Kingdom, so surfers will have to treat with the usual suspiADVERTISING

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aired next month. It lists the many and varied attractions on offer in the town, from windsurfing to arts festivals. antiques fairs "and the odd celebrity", it says, against shots of Eubank clad in his finest gentleman's apparel, thundering around in his truck with its KO1 registration plate or sitting astride his gleaming Harley-Davidson.

The original script by TBWA's Trevor Beattie, had Eubank appearing as a boxer but the self-styled Brighton noble, now retired from the sport, no longer wants to be associated with it and so

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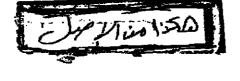
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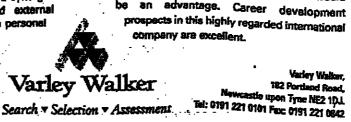
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Matthew Freud often commands as many column inches as his clients, while Julia Carling is seen by some as indicative of the dizzy heights attainable by a former PR

A matter of trust or tricks

ing journalists and broadcasters to feature their clients. and peddle their products, the public relations operatives who feed on the British media are about to have the tables Jamed upon them. Keith Cooper, head of corporate affairs at the Royal Opera House, is to make a series on the dos and don'ts of PR, and is pitching for a slot on the BBC.

The last time he appeared on television, sacking a boxminion and closing the Opera House shop, he caused an outery. It is no less likely to happen this time.

For there is no more contentious question - among those on the receiving end - than the iniquities of PR. The meaningless releases. The miserable pitches on behalf of minor celebrities. The evasiveness when anything interesting happens. They are truly the bane of efficient offices.

Perhaps the most PR-besieged journalist in Britain is Andy Coulson of The Sun's Bizarre column, "It's not un-usual to find 50 letters from PRs arriving in the office in the morning," he says. It is rare that any of them make a story.

Some agencies are good but most have no idea what a newspaper is about at all. They think that some pop

The fiercest price war in

three years ago this month

when News International cut the price of The Sun by 5p to

the history of Fleet Street was launched

group that no-one has ever heard of can get three paragraphs in Bizarre as soon as they hit the charts. Nothing on a press release is of much interest to me. But there are some who understand what I want, and I can do business with them. If they know what we want, which is an exclusive, and they know what their clients want, then I am always prepared to meet half way. If I don't want it, then it will end up in the Mirror."

David Johnson, formerly an dard and The Daily Tele-graph, now with The Sunday Times, is one of the few iournalists who will say on the record what most are only prepared to say off the record. They have no understanding at all of how a newspaper works. I gave a lecture once at a course for trainee PRs though God knows what they teach them — and I went round the newsroom. I asked dozens of people to name the best PR in London, and they all said the same: there isn't one. My first gesture, at the lecture, was to produce a foothigh pile of press releases from my bag, and say This is the first thing I do when I get to work each morning', then I dropped them all in a bin."

in general, whether or not a release from a PR is opened on its way to the bin is largely a

Is PR about simply getting to know what papers want then using every method to make sure they get it, or is there more to it, asks Giles Coren

life - and names like Max

Clifford, Matthew Freud, Lynne Franks, and Tim Bell

often court as much column

space as their clients — it is

ever a world without them.

that a public (or occasionally

private) figure's "image" was

manipulated by anybody but

employs 40,000 people and

turns over £1 billion a year. It

is second only to journalism as

the most sought-after career

by graduates (who see the

example of Julia Carling, per-

haps, as indicative of the dizzy

heights attainable by an ex-PR), and nobody takes his or

her head out of a paper bag

without consulting one. Fur-

thermore, a 1994 survey by the

Public Relations Consultants

Association claimed that 10-20

per cent of national newspaper

Laister Dixon, who represents Tina Turner, Paul McCartney

But Bernard Docherty, of

stories are PR-driven.

But today the PR industry

Some firms send product launches disguised as stories. others just send brand updates disguised as product launches. press release, the more rubbish the story — always.

"A press release really has no more than a one in a thousand chance of getting in the paper," says Johnson. "But there are lazy journalists who will take the stuff straight out and use it. PRs depend on a sort of tit-for-tat relationship with them. Their manner is so offensive. They call up using only their Christian name. and address you by yours. There are no more than four or five good PRs in the arts - like Erica Bolton, who understands a story, and doesn't pester. It is a motormouth profession that has always attracted very silly people, with no understanding of the media, and no vision."

But this is a world in which the PR professional orches-trates every aspect of public and the Rolling Stones, la-

ments the mystique that atta-ches itself to PR. "It is not so mysterious," he says. "It is just about getting to know what the papers want, and then using all the tricks to make sure they get it. There is no mystique."
The most notorious publicist

of all, Max Clifford, is less oblique. "Lies and deceit are important weapons," he says, "and I am the only one who admits it. If you ask me whether my client is gay, I say 'no, he is not', knowing full

eteran PR Liz Brewer laments the fact that "every other girl you meet now has a card that say 'PR' on it", and with the professionals suggesting the proliferation of lies and fakers, you just don't know

where to turn. As a rule Freud Communications are considered useful for freebies, but often talk a better story than is ultimately produced. Lowe-Bell are famed for being well-connected and smooth, but are as sharp as any, whereas Aurelia are thought genuinely pukka - the Hon Aurelia Cecil has all the top parties, but loyalty to her aristocratic clients keeps any true dirt from being dished. David Burnside, of DBA, places a lot of very big

stories, as does Peter Thorn-

son, the doven on West End theatre, who does for Andrew Lloyd Webber and Cameron MacIntosh. If the media can manage

without the new middleman. the question returns to whether the stars can survive without them? "That depends," says Clifford. "Look at Pamela Anderson, she had Stuart Higgins instead. Two years ago he decided that she was a good thing for The Sun, and she was made. Look at Cliff Richard. That stunt at Wim-Mark Borkowski had a hand in it, but you never know."

This is the point, you never do know. Borkowski is more familiar to journalists for attempts to promote products, from Action Man to the Albert Hall, with glib stunts. As Clifford says: "You can promote anything."

Last May Borkowski lured

half a dozen national newspaper journalists, three television crews and two radio reporters to the Albert Hall to spend a night waiting for a ghost. Each was told that they would be alone. The outrage of each individual, conned into travelling to Kensington after midnight, was directed at the PR company for lying about exclusivity. It is the triumph of PR that nobody thought to complain about the absence of

golden age draws to a close Commercial expansion is the only way forward, says Eric Reguly. THE BBC was positively £35 million, should be eliminated by the end of the year.

Worries as BBC's

brimming with optimism yes-

terday. John Birt, the Director-General, and Sir Christopher Bland, the new Chairman. spoke about a "golden period" in programme making. They unveiled charts showing that the share of the viewing and listening audience had held steady, in spite of an onslaught from competing services. Financially, the BBC was as healthy as it has ever been; it could even afford to raise Birt's pay by £27,000 to almost £300,000.

In short, the 1995-96 reports and accounts showed that the BBC was in fine creative shape, leaner and fitter, and ready to face the challenges of the digital era." Why then, is the BBC

management so terrified? The answer, it seems, is that the golden age is drawing to a close. The television and radio market in Britain is becoming increasingly com-petitive. Channel 5, the newest terrestrial service, is to begin broadcasting next year. and satellite and cable television channels are coming

It used to be that all of the people watched John BBC most of the time. In the near future, it is

likely that only some of the people will watch it only some of the time. The BBC's nightmare scenario is a general rebellion. As the service becomes less popular and the market more fragmented, how much longer can it justify squeezing the public for an ever-increasing licence fee? It is now £89.50 a year, up from

The BBC has held up fairly well so far. According to the lastest figures, its share of the viewing and listening audience held steady at 45 per cent in 1995-96, down only marginally from 46 per cent two years ago. The proportion of UK householders viewing and lisng to at lea BBC programming a week also held steady, at 95 per cent. Although BBC2 is under pressure, the more popular BBCl is making a comeback against ITV. ITV's weekly average viewing share fell from 39 per cent to 37 per cent. while BBCI's remained unchanged at 32 per cent. On the financial front, the

news was equally cheery. Licence-fee income rose 9 per cent to £1.82 billion and borrowings, which fell by half to

Another round of redundancies - the number of homeservices employees fell by 850 during the year - has created "efficiency savings" of some £100 million, on top of the £200 million in annual savings already achieved since

But this is as good as it is going to get. Clearly, the BBC cannot rely forever on redundancy savings or substantial rises in licence fee income. At best, that income will rise by the rate of inflation. The BBC has to develop an alternative source of income so it can, for example, bid for sports rights - lack of funds lost it the Grand Prix and the FA Cup

last year — and finance quality productions such as Pride

and Prejudice. This is where Bob Phillis, the BBC's deputy-director general. comes in. Mr Phillis is the former chief executive of ITN and has been at the years. He recognises the danger of relying almost exclusively on licence-fee income.

Phillis's vehicle for developing a

Big pay rise: John Birt income is BBC Worldwide,

where he was re-cently made chief executive. The two-year-old company is the BBC's commercial arm and is charged with licensing and distributing the BBC's programming around the world, publishing magazines such as Top Gear and books such as Delia Smith's Winter Collection, and selling the BBC World Service.

BBC Worldwide had turnover of £338 million in the year and contributed £77 million, up from £53 million in the previous year, directly to the BBC. In the overall scheme of things, it does not add up to much, but Phillis has ambitious plans. Publicly he says he intends to double or triple the division's contriyears; privately, he hopes to go much farther. If the BBC is to thrive, he has to.

The BBC has to create, and retain control of, new channels and form partnerships to exploit new markets. It has to start pay-channels and launch fee-paying services such as video-on-demand and CD-Rom publishing. The BBC will never become a wholly commercial service but going half way, it appears, is its best hope of survival.

Fleet Street sells a cut-price success story

20p. It was a dramatic marketing tactic aimed at reversing years of declining sales of national newspapers and was followed, two months later. by a reduction in the price of The Times by 15p to 30p. Within a year almost every newspaper had joined in. Now, three years on, some newspaper commentators are asking if the tactic really worked and suggesting that millions of pounds have been thrown away in lost profits. advertising on television and ever more desperate reader promotions - all to achieve

Even though that 38,000 is at least up instead of down. they have a point. Sales figures in June were even more depressing for the Editors of the Express and Independent titles than they were three years ago. Nor was there any real comfort for the Mirror Group ntles (apart from The People) or the new Editors of The Observer.

an overall increase in sales of

national daily newspapers of

Adding to the grief, all the daily and Sunday tabloids sold fewer copies last month than in January. Month on amonth, sales of the daily tabloids were down by 157,750 (in spite of Euro 96) and year on year by 75,700. Since January, only five of the 19 national newspapers, all broadsheets, have increased sales.

So. yes, newspaper sales remain in seemingly inexorable decline, despite the price war. Yet the overall trend conceals significant successes which show that even the Editors and owners of the Express or Independent titles should not despair. Victory can still be snatched from the jaws of defeat.

Until the early 1970s, the Daily Mirror was the undisputed — if complacent — king of the mass-market. Once The Sun was bought by Rupert Murdoch and edited by Larry Lamb, it captured the mood of the times and quickly overtook the Daily Mirror. It has remained ahead ever

Yet three years ago, sales were beginning to slip. They were down from more than 4 million in the late 1980s to 3.4 million by June 1993. A year later, sales were back at 4.1 million and slipped only marginally below 4 million last month for the first time this year. When The Sun cut its price, its lead over the Daily 'Mirror was 825,000 a day. Three years later it is 1.5 million a day. On a five-year trend (see table), the Daily Mirror has dropped by 500,000 as The Sun has risen

by 335,000. The same story has occ-



where the Daily Express and Sunday Express, once the undisputed market leaders. have been overtaken by the Daily Mail and The Mail on

urred in the middle market, Sunday. Over the past five years, the Daily Mail is up by 335,000, against a fall of 340,000 for the Daily Express. On Sundays, the Mail is up by 152,000. Meanwhile the

Sunday Express has plummeted by 436,000 and now sells fewer copies than The Sunday Times.
Yet the biggest success story has been The Times, which established a new record sale

last month — obviously helped by selling at 10p on Mondays for the summer of sport - of 724,839. That meant that sales have now doubled since 1993, repeating the success of The Daily Telegraph when it cut its

SUCCESS AND FAILURE IN FLEET STREET, 1991-1996

	1996	+/- on January	June 95	June 91
Sun	3,970,155	-158,330	-16,875	+335,335
Mirror	2,408,455	-151,597	-194,110	-503,447
Star	667,453	-105,764	-58,782	-188,011
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Times	724,839	+36,847	+42,420	+332,321
Guardian	391,062	-17,12 4	-714	-22,007
Independent	272,928	-19,481	-30,345	-104,334
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N.O.W.	4,585,807	-131, 949	-96,166	-194,293
S. Mirror	2,412,005	-104,108	-215,511	-360,455
People	2,036,302	-58,503	+1,154	-241,484
M.O.S.	2.045,139	-89 ,806	±80,048	+152,929
S. Express	1,202,354	-84 ,429	-164,478	-436,163
S. Times	1,296,678	+442	+28,720	+158,405
Observer	443,348	-6,181	-8,193	-126,536
S. Telegraph	683,819	+4,867	-22,030	+128,536
independent/S	294,923	-14,191	-39,917	-72,802
Source: ARC				

price from twopence to a penny in 1930. Three years ago *The Times* lagged 650,000 behind *The Daily Telegraph*. The gap has now narrowed to 330,000.

It is easy to buy quick circulation fixes in Fleet Street. A serialisation of a sensational book, advertised on television on a Sunday night, always boosts sales which quickly fall back once the serial is over. What has been remarkable about The Times since 1993 is that readers who were tempted to buy the paper at a cheaper price have obviously enjoyed what they read — a paper radically reorganised four years ago to be more readerfriendly - and carried on buying it. New readers who buy the 10p Times on Monday buy the 30p Times the rest of the week.

Successful newspapers always have editors with flair and courage and/or owners who love newspapers. That is as true of The Guardian or The Daily Telegraph and Sunday Telegraph, which have also been successes in the past five years, as it is of The Sun, the Daily Mail (which did not cut its price) or The Times. Yet editors with flair and courage do not always run successful newspapers. Sometimes their papers are stuck with the wrong image. Sometimes their owners fail to broadcast their merits or to support them through difficult times. There has been no more successful a tactic in helping those editors in this generation than the price war.

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Scruffy, a badger adopted by a Barnsley woman, which is now house-trained and lives on a diet of dog food and custard creams

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Surgical sideshow: Siamese twins attract national attention. They awaken a macabre curiosity and have become exhibits for the demonstration of modern medical magic.

FASHION

Class act: Paul Frith, the latest designer to be tempted by the mainstream market, says it is far more difficult designing for a high street store, in his case Bhs

On the hop: Radio 4 may be on FM, but if you want to listen to it all the way to Wales, it is long wave that stays with you up hill and down

MEDIA

THE PAPERS Boris Yeltsin has once again caused the world to hold its breath. By postponing his meeting with US Vice-President Al Gore, he has given the Kremlin astrologers a merry time. There is so much speculation over the 65-year-old Yeltsin's health. Russia will not be at peace with a leader whose health causes

— Die Welt

TY LISTINGS:

Preview: Stalkers in Los Angeles take on both the law and the police. Inside Story (BBC1, 9.30pm). Review: Matthew Bond on the fashion for long-winded documentaries....

OPINION

Treasury 2005

A central government role is, or should be, to prepare for the future. While ministers have been turnbling from day to day, it is good to read that the Treasury has been looking forward. Today The Times publishes extracts from a Treasury assessment of the decade

Tibet's voice

ahead ..

The Dalai Lama is willing to negotiate with Peking on an agenda that "does not include independence" for Tibet. Since Deng Xiaoping is on record that "anything except independence can be discussed and resolved". Peking has no case for refusing talks

Old stones

The Stone of Scone derives its power not from what it is, a rock, but what it is believed to be: a symbol of Page 17 🏅 Scottish pride

COLUMNS

SIMON JENKINS

Another summer and another marching season". The strangled accents of Ulstermen trading insults rasp across the radio waves. History that elsewhere rests with Guy Fawkes and the King of Spain's Beard is here recalled with the thud of a bomb and the crack of an Armalite...

ALAN COREN

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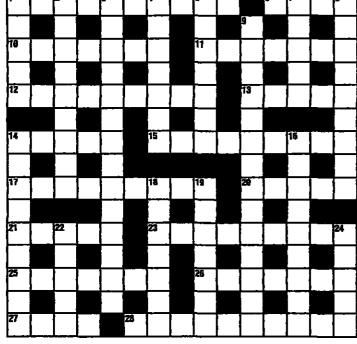
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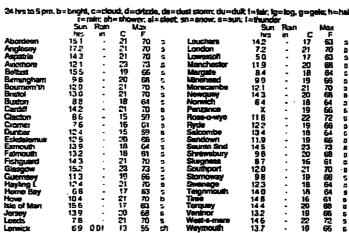
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☐ NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Ork-ney: dry. Cloudy at times, but also sunny spells. Wind mainly southwest light. Max 19C (66F). Shetland: rather cloudy, perhaps a little drizzle. Wind mainly northwest, light or moderate. Max 14C (57F).

Outlook: remaining dry, becoming Pollen forecast: N Scotland, London moderate; Midlands, E Anglia, NE England, SE England: moderate to high; S Scotland, N Ireland, Wales, SW

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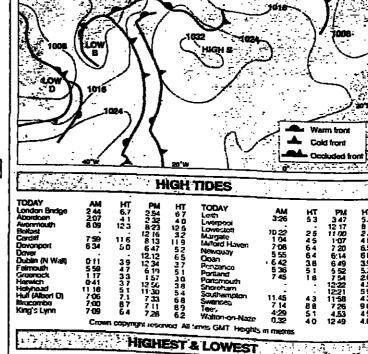


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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

WEDNESDAY JULY 17 1996

P&O and Stena permitted to end Channel 'ferry war'

By JONATHAN PRYNN TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE creation of a multi-billion pound ferry group to compete on equal terms with Eurotunnel came a crucial step closer yesterday when the Government gave P&O and Stena approval to enter into merger talks.

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Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, lifted a 17-year-old ban on commercial nego-nations between the two leading ferry companies after an appeal from Lord Sterling, their nan of P&O. Mr Lang said: "I do not eve that I would be justified in maintaining estrictions on P&O in relation to a possible nerger with Stena beyond the normal consideration that would be given to such a

PSBR rise

setback

for Clarke

strategy

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

THE CHANCELLOR of the now even shallower. The Gov-

ernor also warned that, after

the last of Mr Clarke's four

recent quarter-point cuts in

interest rates, he thought that

there was a greater chance of

the Government hitting its

inflation target in two years'

time. But he acknowledged

that the move would not have

a dramatic impact on the

consumer

growth that the Chancellor is

predicting for next year would

not be compatible for very

long with the inflation target,

and would not be sustainable.

would have to be raised at

some point in time but he

refused to speculate on when

The Governor gave the im-

pression in his testimony that

he broadly agrees with Mr

Clarke's positive assessment

of the economy, although he is somewhat more pessimistic

Mr George said that he also

expected growth to pick up

from now on, mainly because

of stronger consumer spend-

ing. He also added that things

were set fair for higher invest-

ment and that exports would

pick up once Europe showed

City analysts said that yes-

terday's PSBR figures were

disappointing. Receipts are

coming in below expectations

and there is a small overshoot

borrowing in June but ana-

lysts noted that this was

nearly offset by the receipt of

£700 million in extra VAT

receipts because of a change in

the timing of payments by

The Treasury noted that it had been expecting £1.2 billion

in VAT and the rest should

yesterday's figures were large-

ly worse than expected

because of timing distortions,

rather than as the result of a

Officials were confident that

come through in July.

on public spending plans. Debt interest payments added about £800 million to

stronger signs of recovery.

this might be

He said that interest rates

Mr George told the select

Exchequer's assertion — only

last week — that public borrowing is clearly on a

downward trend came into

estion yesterday after fig-es showed a much larger

than expected public sector

borrowing requirement in

Taking out privatisation

proceeds, the figures showed

that the level of borrowing in

the first three months of the

current tax year is £700 mil-

lion above the total seen in the

Eddie George, Governor of

The PSBR in June was £3.6

billion, well above the £3

billion expected in the City. In

addition. May's PSBR was

revised up by £300 million.

Together, this took the cumu-

lative PSBR this year, includ-

ing privatisation, to £10.7

billion, compared with £11.3

However, taking out priva-tisation, the cumulative totals

are £12 billion, compared with

Ell_3 billion at the same stage

In his Summer Economic

Forecast, Kenneth Clarke re-

vised his 1995 Budget forecast

of a £22.4 billion PSBR to

Angela Knight, Economic

Secretary to the Treasury, said yesterday that the June PSBR

was inflated by a bunching of

interest payments in June and

added that the Government

as still confident about hit-

But Andrew Smith, Shadow

Chief Secretary, said: "It is alarming that the underlying

trend of public borrowing -

that is excluding privatisation receipts — is still worse than

last year's dismal perfor-

Commons Treasury Select

Committee on the Summer

Economic Forecast yesterday.

Mr George said that he was

aware that the public deficit

was not falling as steeply as it

had been thought previously.

Giving testimony to the

its new target.

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last year.

the Bank of England, said

yesterday that the figure left

him feeling uncomfortable.

same period last year.

transaction under competition legislation."
The Government's decision to reverse the ban, which also applied to Hoverspeed, follows an intense price war on the Channel routes triggered by the competition from Le

Shuttle, Eurotunnel's train service. Ferry ticket prices are down by as much as two thirds on last summer with profit margins cut to the bone. The cost of a return crossing for a car and up to five passengers has fallen to as low as £49. There has also been a sharp rise in the number of daily crossings between Dover and Calais from 65 to more than 80 since Stena's split from SNAT, its French counterpart.

The announcement will send shock waves through the 5,000-strong P&O and

Stena workforces in Dover. It was warmly welcomed by the ferry companies, which have been badly hit by the outbreak of ferry wars" since the Channel Tunnel opened. Lord Sterling said: "I am glad that at last the Government is allowing us to act in a commercial manner. The cross-Channel ferry market entered a new phase with the opening of Eurotunnel. The Government has finally recognised this. "We have always said that, even with the

strong market growth we are seeing, there is too much capacity, and rationalisation is needed. We can now get ahead with look-ing at how best to achieve this."

Gareth Cooper, managing director of Stena Line, said dismantling the restric-

A trader on the London International Financial Futures Exchange yesterday

Yorkshire Water investors

urged to oppose new chief

By JASON NISSE

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ry". He added: "Our preferred strategy remains to establish a strong, stand-alone business on Dover-Calais, but we have always said we will listen to any suggestions that might now arise from competitors in the light of today's announcement."

Eurotunnel also welcomed the announcement. John Noulton, the company's director of public affairs, said: "This is a sensible decision. The competitive situation on the Channel has changed radically since the undertakings were given." The announcement comes as Eurotunnel approaches the completion of its protracted and highly complex £8 billion refinancing talks with

Talks between Stena and P&O executive about co-operating on the short Channel routes are expected to begin within weeks. Any merger would still need to clear British

and European competition rules.

Mr Lang's decision went beyond the recommendation of John Bridgeman, the Director-General of Fair Trading, who had advised lifting only a 1979 ban on talks about fares and pooling of fleets. Mr Lang said a 1982 agreement not to enter into merger negotiations should also be scrapped.

The agreements were confirmed by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission in 1989 and the most recent request for them to be lifted was rejected in 1993 by Sir Tim Sainsbury, who was then Trade Minister.

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Knight payout

Hundreds of elderly investors with Knight Williams, the firm of retirement income specialists now in liquidation. stand to receive compensation payments totalling up to £7 million after the former adviser was declared "in default" by the Investors Compensation Scheme. Page 26, Pennington 27

BAA takeoff

Shares in BAA rose against the market trend yesterday as the airport operator emerged largely unscathed from a review by its regulator, the Civil Aviation Authority. BAA will continue to be allowed by thé CAA to run all three London airports. Page 27, Tempus 28

against the dollar.

Stock market, page 28

Eighties euphoria, page 29

London hit by Wall Street

By JANET BUSH

roller-coaster

THE threat of meltdown on Wall Street spread to European stock markets yesterday and London posted its biggest oneday fall in more than two years.

Pavourable inflation figures from America, showing a rise of only 0.1 per cent in consumer prices in June, appeared to stabilise US shares briefly yesterday afternoon after their plunge of 161 points on Mon-day. European stocks lifted off their lows but then Wall Street tumbled again.

After European markets closed, the Dow Jones industrial average whip-sawed wildly. At one point, it plunged 160 points, recovered 60 points in ten minutes, then recouped all the losses of the day to register as unchanged in mid afternoon trading.

In London, the FT-SE 100 to a new 1996 low of 3,612.6. It recovered a little to end 66 points lower at 3,632.3. At one point, the German stock market was quoted 3 per cent lower and the French market was down around 2 per cent. The turmoil stems mostly

from America, where the mood has turned viciously negative in the stock market, if not in the bond market which has held up relatively well. George Magnus, chief econo-mist at UBS, said that strong

Nuclear investors suffered another unnerving day yesterday as shares in British Energy fell further. The shares, issued at 100p, fell 3p to 9lp, after touching 89p. Nearly £100 million has been wiped from the value of the nuclear generator in two days.

jobs figures in the US, which strengthened speculation

about a rate rise, had been a

catalyst for the selling. But the

fundamental reason for Wall

European markets have been hit despite the fact that they are not deemed to be

overvalued and there is no

imminent threat of higher rates. Yesterday, Hans Tiet-meyer, President of the Bun-

ket is overvalued.

desbank, felt the need to calm fears of higher German rates, although only days ago traders were talking about a cut.

The dollar slumped to DM1.4860, its lowest level against the mark for three months. Sterling dropped three pfennigs against the mark but gained a cent

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London because of access to to Yorkshire the City," Mr Gough said two years ago. to Yorkshire Water's board enough time to the job. fundamental deterioration in After yesterday's figures, he Mr Gough, 58, who chaired the Government's finances. suggested that the decline was Leeds Utd manager could net £500,000

YORKSHIRE WATER, which

was fined £40 million by

Ofwat, the industry regulator,

because of its handling of last

year's drought, faces a damag-

ing battle with shareholders

over the appointment of Brandon Gough, its new chairman.

Pirc, the corporate gover-nance consultancy, is recom-mending investors oppose Mr

Gough's appointment at next

week's annual meeting because

he will not be able to dedicate



Wilkinson: takeover bonus

By Jason Nisse

HOWARD WILKINSON, the manager of Leeds United, could receive a bonus of more than £500,000 if the £16.5 million deal to sell the Premiership football club to Caspian Group goes through.

Mr Wilkinson's contract, which was only agreed by the club in February, also says he will be paid his full salary and bonus until June 1999 if he is sacked at any time before that. The club has legal advice that this could cost £1.8 million.

Caspian's offer may trigger a "change of control clause" within Mr Wilkinson's contract, which gives him shares worth twice his annual salary if the club is taken over. The contract says he is paid £330,000 a year, but £50,000 of this is a guaranteed bonus and only around £170,000 is

deemed "salary". However it is believed the clause could also apply to another annual payment of £110,000 within the contract, making the amount in Leeds shares he should receive £560,000.

Caspian has offered to pay £16.5 million for the entire share capital of Leeds, but this does not include Mr Wilkinson's shares. A spokeswoman for Caspian said it did not believe the clause would be triggered as it "involves the movement of people, not equity."

Caspian's offer has been accepted by Leslie Silver, Leeds chairman, and Bill Fotherby, managing director. Peter Gilman. Leeds's deputy chaiman and a 33 per cent shareholder, is rejecting the deal and has taken legal action to block it. Mr Gilman is expected today to write to shareholders urging them to reject Caspian's offer. He is backing a £20 million bid from Conrad, the leisurewear group. The Caspian offer may also face

vesterday, "It is not a compli-

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drop its opposition if Mr Gough dropped some of his outside interests. "This is a

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its development, with the reg-

ulator breathing down its neck. It is not a soft touch."

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problems because of a number of errors within the listing particulars for new Caspian shares being issued because of the bid. The mistakes include the wrong name for director Richard Thompson, the wrong company described as receiving £250,000 and a reference to Mr Thompson being a director of a company owned by ABN Amro, the Dutch bank

Caspian said the errors were not material and it did not expect the Stock Exchange to make it resubmit the listing particulars. Such a move would delay the bid because the shareholders' meeting convened to approve the deal can only take place three weeks after a revised document is sent out.

Clarke hails PFI benefits

By PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE economy "cannot afford to miss out on the gains to be had" from the Government's Private Finance Initiative, Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor.

said yesterday. Mr Clarke's strong support for the beleaguered PFI, the public-private fi-nancial partnership for large infrastructure projects, which has been criticised for being slow and bureaucratic and for failing to generate sufficient funding, is a clear affirma-tion that the Government is standing by it.

The Chancellor accepted that the Government has been "fine-tuning" the PFI, and welcomed a new report on the initiative from the Confederation of British Industry, which proposed numerous changes.

He said the PFI "is now growing at a huge rate", with benefits for maintenance and operating firms.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Knight Williams investors set for up to £7m payback

HUNDREDS of elderly investors with Knight Williams, the controversial firm of retirement income specialists now in liquidation, stand to receive compensation payments totalling up to £7 million after the former adviser was declared "in default" by the Investors

Compensation Scheme (ICS). The ICS, the ultimate safety net for investors who lose money through bad advice, theft or fraud, yesterday said that Knight Williams was one of seven firms declared in default - a legal mechanism that triggers compensation payments up to a statutory maximum of £48,000 for each investor. The ICS move follows the failure of the previous arbitration and compensation channel established in 1994 by the Securities and Investments

Board, which by last summer

had received claims from

Shortly after the SIB notified the firm that it might expect a compensation bill of at least £2 million, Knight Williams & Co went into voluntary liquidation. Arthur Andersen, the KW liquidator, has now received potential claims from around 900 investors.

Intense pressure from more than 100 MPs and consumer bodies built up after elderly investors with the firm alleged they had been given unsuit-able investment advice which had caused them to lose

The funding for the SIBsponsored compensation channel was to have come from the EL5 million which Knight Williams received last year from Singer & Friedlander, the merchant bank, which bought the £400 million of funds that KW managed on

behalf of investors. The money was paid in cash and loan notes and was held in Knight Williams Porfolio Management, which is still trading.

The Knight Williams Action Group, headed by Kenneth Jordan, has campaigned over a number of years for compensation and last year accepted free help and advice in compiling a report on Knight Wil-liams by Dibb Lupton, the law firm and Robson Rhodes, the accountant.

Commenting on yesterday's announcement Angela Knight, the Treasury Minister, welcomed the ICS move and added: "This is a sorry affair and I hope the decision will bring a satisfactory conclusion for many of those who have been so badly affected financially."

Pennington, page 27

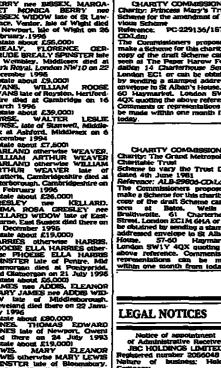


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Scheme creditors who have already received a payment in respect of their Established Liabilities will receive an additional payment, equivalent to the increase of 10% together with a compensatory payment.

Scheme creditors with claims established after his date will receive the increased payment percentage of 25% in respect of their claim. within 60 days of each claim becoming an ed Liability.

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R J HINBERG, Director

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Top hat and tails: Charles Brine, left, Formal Group's executive, with Jeff Banks, the fashion designer, and Cathy Brookes, a model, after the company, which owns Pronuptia, Youngs Formal

Wear and Cupid, won shareholder approval to acquire Blakes Menswear, Mr Banks acts as consultant designer. There is a one-for-50 share consolidation. Trading in the new shares begins tomorrow.

Think-tank reckons jobless total 4.3m

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

BRITAIN'S underlying unemployment is twice that indicated by government statistics, according to an independent jobs think-tank.

The Employment Policy Institute (EPI) yesterday published a new quarterly audit that puts the UK total at 4.3 million. 2 million more than the official figures.

Today the Government will announce its latest figures to the numbers out of work and claiming benefit, which ministers hope will show a further drop. Ministers are also examining a recommendation from the Office for National Statistics that monthly unemployment figures should be accompanied by monthly publication of the other main measure of unemployment,

drawn from the quarterly Labour Force Survey (LFS). The independent EPI drew on published and unpublished LFS figures to produce its first quarterly audit, with the aim of persuading Government statisticians to consider the official publication of different ways to gauge unemployment.

As well as the internationally accepted LFS definition of unemployment, which puts it at 2.3 million - roughly in line with the monthly count of claimants, the EPI's indicators included discouraged workers. people seeking work but unable to start, and other totals, including the number of workless households, rather than individuals.

Probably the most controversial, though, is adding all those registered by the LFS as wanting jobs to the international measure of the total unemployed - a method that put the total at 4.3 million.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Scotland tipped for \$1.5bn Hyundai site

HYUNDAI ELECTRONICS, of South Korea, has joined its country's economic push into Europe, announcing plans to build a \$1.5 billion microchip plant in the United Kingdom in Scotland or Northern Ireland — or in the Irish Republic. A location in Scotland was most likely to be chosen, the company said. A week ago, LG Group, of South Korea, announced that it is to set up a £1.7 billion electronics complex in South Wales in

the biggest inward investment project in Europe.

Hyundai's new assembly lines are intended to come on stream in 1999 and employ 1,000 people, the company said. The attractions of investing in Britain and Ireland included cheap land, low taxation, and high-quality labour and cheap land, low taxabott, and ingradually infrastructure, it said. South Korean companies are investing heavily in Europe to strengthen their production and marketing presence; they have announced 12 projects in Britain alone between April 1995 and March 1996, including a £450 million manufacturing complex for Samsung Electronics.

Jefferson earnings hit

JEFFERSON SMURFIT Corporation, the American associate of the Irish Republic's Jefferson Smurfit Group, yesterday reported a sharp drop in second quarter earnings to \$27 million from \$66 million. Sales slumped to \$844 million, compared with \$1.08 billion. Earnings per share were 20 cents (60 cents), after an extraordinary charge for debt reduction. James E. Terrill, Smurfit Corp's chief executive, said that earnings were hit by a significant drop in the price of packaging materials.

Mobile phone change

THE Department of Trade and Industry has told Vodafone and Cellnet, the two largest mobile phone companies, to close their analogue networks by 2005 and replace them with digital networks. Vodafone and Cellnet welcomed this because digital networks have more capacity and profit potential. In a move less pleasing to the two, the DTI said it would reserve extra radio-band spectrum for Orange and Mercury One-2-One, the mobile phone industry's newest entrants, until the end of 1997.

UNO valued at £18m

UNO, the out-of-town furniture retailer, will be capitalised at £18.8 million when it floats on the Alternative Investment Market on Monday. The four-year-old company, which runs nine furniture superstores across the UK, has opened five in the past two years and has increased sales by 175 per cent. In the year to April 30, pre-tax profits were £1.1 million on sales of E24.2 million, with earnings of 4.31p per share. It is placing six million shares at 134p each. No money is being raised.

Electricity levy cut

STEPHEN LITTLECHILD, the electricity regulator, yesterday confirmed that the levy on electricity bills to pay for renewable sources of energy would be cut to 3.7 per cent on November 1. Professor Littlechild had earlier indicated the cut would be made from the present level of 10 per cent after the flotation of British Energy, the nuclear generator. Nuclear had accounted for a large proportion of the fossil fuel levy. The cut should mean a reduction of about £15 a year from bills.

First Information boost 🛊

FIRST INFORMATION, the multimedia group whose shares trade on the Alternative Investment Market, gained sales of E1.2 million from the launch of its first CD-Rom titles in the six months to April 30, lifting group turnover 77 per cent to £1.8 million. The company, which spent £3.5 million developing the seven filles over the past 13 months, recorded an overal operating profit of £1.53 million (loss of £2.93 million). Earnings were 8p per share (24p loss). There is no dividend.

Courtaulds holds steady

COURTAULDS, the fibres, chemicals and coatings company, said current trading in most businesses was in line with or ahead of last year, although pre-tax profits for the first quarter are slightly below the same period of 1995 because of the effect of last year's disposals. Sir Christopher Hogg, chairman, said sales of Tencel, its new man-made fibre, have doubled year on year. A recovery in the acrylic market is helping the fibres and chemicals division. The shares fell 12p to 435p.

Car sales in EU go into reverse

Car sales in the European Union fell 9 per cent last month, according to the Association of European Motor Manufacturers, dealing a blow to hopes of a resurgence. in registrations this year.

The French market suffered most with a 32.1 per cent fall in sales, followed by Austria, down 28.4 per cent, and Spain, down 21.1 per cent. while Germany's registra-tions fell by 3.3 per cent. There was a 4.7 per cent rise in

The association said car sales in the first six months of the year rose 4.6 per cent to 6.638 million.

Bid fails

Westminster Health Care has failed in its pursuit of Goldsborough Healthcare after receiving acceptances of only 41 per cent yesterday, the closing day for the £69 million hostile offer. Goldsborough's victory came after several main shareholders, including NatWest Ventures Group, de clined to accept Westminster's offer, worth 157p per share. Westminster hinted it would keep the 9.1 per cent of Goldsborough it picked up in a market raid in mid-June.

Digital plus

Digital Animations, the soft-ware developer based in Glasgow, is to be 20 per cent owned by 3i Group when it begins trading on the Alternative Investment Market next Wednesday. The venture capital group has invested a further £350,000. lifting its stakeholding 3.3 per cent. Digital Animations is placing a total of 2.7 million shares at 71p each through Ernst & Young, which will raise £1.65 million.

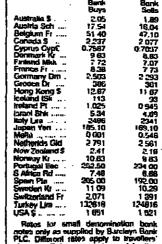
Yorkshire Electricity warning

FRESH doubts were raised yesterday about competition in household electricity supply after Yorkshire Electricity gave warning that customers least able to pay will face higher bills. Malcolm Chatwin, the company's chief executive, said the social costs of competition due to be introduced in 1988.

 were being ignored. After 1998, new entrants to the market — who are unlikely to take customers with low credit ratings - will force down prices, and regional companies will be obliged to act as suppliers of last resort for those who cannot buy elsewhere.

Mr Chatwin said: "Companies like mine will be forced by the market to lower our prices to be similar to the new entrants and raise prices to those least able to pay, to reflect the true cost of provid-

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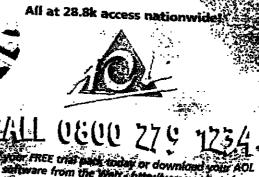
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☐ UK firms prefer to invest abroad ☐ Assigning the blame over Knight Williams ☐ Lang's cross-Channel bombshell

☐ THE United Kingdom is a wonderful place to do business unless you live there. The flood of companies desperate to buy into corporate Britain is almost precisely matched by the flood of British business desperate to set up shop anywhere else,

There is a staggering mis-match between the level of overseas investment in the UK and elsewhere in Europe that would gladden the heart of any Euro-sceptic, according to KPMG Corporate Finance, which yesterday released a study of investment patterns for the first half of this year.

Consider these comparisons. Foreign companies spent \$18.7 billion buying businesses in Britain population 55 million or thereabouts. In France, population roughly ditto, they spent \$3.65 billion, in the German economic titan, population 80 million, just \$2.1 billion.

These figures come a week after the Department of Trade and Industry, in a much-leaked trumpeting of national pride, showed that inward investment, the other entry on that side of the British corporate balance sheet, was running at record levels. Britain was the enterprise centre or Europe, low taxes, high performance — one would have thought this tiny island had been uprooted and dragged by tugboat half-way around the world

Foreign grass is always greener to the South China Sea. Foreign

investors are flooding in undeterred by pre-election litters or dithering over the single market. For those Euro-sceptics this only confirms the damage done by the social chapter and other such Euro-beastliness.

Oddly enough they are right, up to a point. Acquisitions in France and Germany, and other continental nations, are so few because of the barriers deliberately erected to foreign buyers. Any experienced businessman can tell horror stories of tortuous Dutch consultation processes, the intransigence of German banks or French xenophobia.

But look at the other side of that corporate balance sheet. British companies have their own pre-occupations — they spent £16 billion buying businesses overseas in the first half. Investments such as the £1.7 billion pledged by LG Group in South Wales last week are not been matched by indigenous industrialists. Such huge greenfield developments tend to reflect the ambitions of foreign multinationals alone.

ing to set up in Britain out of any great affection for our productivity or tax levels, they are looking for a base in the EC. This country is the only one with a sufficiently open corporate culture to allow acquisitions, while those greenfield developments are funded by huge government bribes — IG received the equivalent of £33,000 in regional aid for every job created. The investment was delayed by the Koreans until they were certain Britain had they were certain Britain had mended fences with the EC over beef. The clear implication is that any further ruptures with Europe and that inward flood of investment could dry up at once.

Caught in the regulatory web

FEW usually emerge with much credit from scandals such as Knight Williams, one of the nastier in financial circles for many years, least of all the confusing array of regulators whose job is to prevent them but who generally end up playing pass the parcel with the unfortu-



Back in 1988 complaints about Knight Williams, billed as a retirement income planning retirement income planning specialist, began to surface. First Fimbra, the old regulator for independent financial advisers now replaced by the Personal Investment Authority, looked into the growing number of dissatisfied clients.

The claim was of inappropriate advice to those clients, most retired and many elderly, who needed the best possible income with as little risk to their capital as possible. Clients said

capital as possible. Clients said their portfolios were switched around unnecessarily and that the value of their investments fell even when the stock market was buoyant. Knight Williams consistently denied the charges.

in August 1994 Fimbra fined KW ES0,000 with costs of £23,400 for a number of breaches of the rules. But the pressure exerted by a growing band of dissatisfied investors, led by Kenneth Jordan, a redoubtable 72 year old, continued. It reached such proportions that the Securities and Investments Board, the chief City watchdog, had to take

the unprecedented step of

establishing a special complaints

channel late in 1994. Last year Singer & Friedlander paid £15 million to KW for the £400 million of funds under management, and some of this money was said to have been put aside to meet compensation payments. Last summer the SIB did some tentative sums and found that around 400 investors had claimed compensation that could top £2 million. Then KW filed for voluntary liquidation.

So yet again investors lost out. It has taken the Investors Compensation Scheme, not a regulator but an official rescue fund, the free services of Dibb Lupton, the lawyer, and Robson Rhodes, the accountant, and the intervention of Angela Knight,

the Treasury Minister, to bring about an end to this scandal. A pity the SIB could not do the job properly in the first place.

Tunnelling in the dark

☐ IT IS hard to know who should be angriest at the decision to allow the two main cross-Channel ferry operators to merge, the passengers or Eurotunnel shareholders.

On balance, perhaps the latter, since they have suffered enough already. Customers have enjoyed vastly improved service on the ferries — who remembers the days when loading and unload-ing the car and clearing customs could double the time of your journey? They have also seen the bloodiest of price wars, and not only for those prepared to travel outside peak times.

The undertakings that required Stena and P&O to compete, tacitly reaffirmed as recently as this summer, have been torn up by Ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade. The ferry companies have two

options. They can merge, rationalise and run the tightest possible ship, at the lowest possible prices. Or they can merge, rationalise and push prices as high as they can and still stay competitive with the Tunnel — a 20 per cent discount, say. Guess which would be the most profitable?

Eurotunnel investors and banks, inching their way towards refinancing, now have no idea of what the competition to the Tunnel will look like in future. Should Mr Lang's bombshell, if it had to be dropped at all, not have waited until the end of those talks?

Just fancy that . . .

☐ TODAY'S offering from the Department of Useless Statistics is a study that proves that managers benefit from being trained. This is significant, says James Paice, the largely un-known Education and Employ-ment Minister, whose department commissioned the report, because "prior to the study, there was only anecdotal evidence and some survey data which linked the use of management competencies to improved business performance". In other words, before someone spent taxpayers' money on "proving" them, the findings could only be confirmed

CAA review gives airports group a lift

challenging" but "workable". Sir John Egan, chief executive,

said: This MMC report con-firms BAA is a quality com-

pany providing world-class airports at low cost." The new

landing charges will apply

BAA shares rose 13p. to

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formula and confirmation that

a "single till" model for regu-

lating the airport will contin-

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ger by making money from

retailing and property rents. Landing charges currently ac-count for about one third of

The CAA said it had adopt-

ed the MMC's assumption of

a 7.5 per cent rate of return on

BAA's asset value of £3.39

billion. The MMC has valued

BAA's assets at March 31, 1991

formula took into consider-

ation the five-year period 2002-2007, during which BAA hopes to open Terminal 5.

Charges at Stansted will be

allowed to rise by RPI+1 per

regulator estimated that BAA

would lose a net £55 million if

the concession was ended but

BAA said yesterday the loss

The CAA said that it would

consider alternatives to a smooth RPI-3 cap, including the option of RPI-8 for the first

five years followed by RPI+13.5 per cent in 2002-2007. Another option would be

RPI-20 for 1997-98, followed by

Sir John rejected the alter-

native proposals, suggesting they would lead to insecurity if

the regulatory climate

changed: "I cannot imagine a

regulator willing to increase

prices by 13.5 per cent."

could total £70 million.

The regulator said the price

and adjusted for inflation.

This allows BAA to

from next April I.

BAA's income.

SHARES of BAA rose yesterday as the airports group emerged largely unscathed for a review by its regulator, Civil Aviation Authority.

BAA retains its monopoly over airports in the South East of England and landing charges will be capped at 3 per cent below the retail price index, compared with the current formula of RPI-1.

The CAA has adopted fully the recommendations of the MMC in maintaining the monopoly structure and the price cap. Cliff Paice, director of economic regulation at the CAA, said: "It is not open to us or the MMC to say whether BAA should be broken up. We can only do that if BAA is operating against the public interest." He added: "Personally, I don't think it would be a

good idea." BAA welcomed the decision not to interfere with its ownership of Heathrow. Gatwick and Stansted and described the RPI-3 formula as "very

High-flyers: Sir Colin Marshall, left, BA's chairman, with Bob Ayling, chief executive, at yesterday's annual meeting ther, it would replace the

Pru and Sun Life provide further signs of recovery

By Marianne Curphey

largest life company, vesterday provided further evidence of recing strong rises in single and regular premium products. Prudential reported a 36 per

cent; the MMC rejected accu-sations by Luton Airport that prices were artificially low at The CAA has recommended a contingency increase in charges of 15 per cent should BAA lose European duty and tax-free sales in 1999. The Holdings (SLPH), announced a rise in total new regular premiums of 14 per cent to £81 million. SLPH was last month floated off by UAP, the French

over the past two years. The public lost confidence in it aftSHARES of British Biotech fell again yesterday, increasing the likelihood that institutions that agreed to underwrite a £143 million rights issue will be left

riate personal pension plans. Les Owen, Sun Life managing director, said: "After a couple of difficult years for our industry, with many companies reporting reduced new business, we are now seeing clear signs of an upturn."

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Turbulent BA meeting fails to shake Marshall

By Jon Ashworth

NEARLY 800 British Airways shareholders packed the Barbican Concert Hall in London yesterday for an annual meeting which touched on every-thing from "dirty tricks" to nuclear catastrophes. Sir Colin Marshall, chairman, sailed through the occasional turbulence with practised ease.

Lord King, BA's president, watched from the stalls, as sneaker after sneaker took to the microphone. What about cried? And the environmental mplications of Heathrow's Terminal 5? And the link with

American Airlines? Sir Colin remained unruffled. Terminal 5 would enable Stock Exchange kept a backlarger aircraft to carry more passengers without any increase in night flights. Fur-"delightful sewage farm", which at this time of the year is prone to giving off noxious fumes. A decision on Terminal

5 is expected by mid-1998. Shareholders' discounts, he insisted, remained a good bet. Commending BA's performance over the year, Sir Colin said it was "business as usual" after the threat of industrial action had been averted. Sir Colin said "misunder-

standings" had fuelled fears

tion on the transatlantic routes. About 47 per cent of passengers flying to America from Heathrow were in transit from other flights and "had a real choice" over which airline to choose. He said BA risked losing up to half its custom if the link did not proceed. what would happen to shares

that the planned link-up be

tween BA and American Air-

lines would reduce competi-

held on Crest, the electronic settlement system, in the event of a magnetic pulse generated by a nuclear accident. Sir Colin said he was sure the up. Another accused him of being too thick with BA's auditors, Ernst & Young, saying they belonged to the freemasons and Rotary, and played golf together. Sir Colin replied: "I don't belong to the freemasons, I don't belong to

Rotary, and I don't play golf." John Gorman, a former policeman engaged in a long-running dispute with BA, accused the airline of operating a dirty tricks department. Sir Colin said BA had never had a dirty tricks department and urged Mr Gorman to bring his case against BA to court.

Judgment on Titan appeal reserved

JUDGES in the Court of Appeal yesterday reserved judgment on an appeal by Titan Business Club, the controversial money-makling scheme, to overturn an earlier ruling that it was "an illegal lottery" (Robert

Miller writes).

During the two-day hearing Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Saville and Lord Justice Millett were told by Titan's lawyers that the scheme, which people paid between £2,500 and £3,000 to join and recouped their money by recruiting three or four others, was not "a trap or trick".

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The Department of Trade and Industry is seeking to shut the

PRUDENTIAL, Britain's biggest name in personal pensions, and Sun Life, the fourthcovery in the sector, announ-

cent rise in single premiums worldwide to £3.33 billion for the first six months of the year. UK sales rose by half to £1.58 billion. Sun Life, a subsidiary of Sun Life and Provincial

insurer. Its total new business was up 19 per cent to £144 million. Money purchase pensions climbed 43 per cent, but new regular personal pen-sions business fell slightly. suffering from a deep slump

The life industry has been

er bad publicity over the pensions transfer scandal in which some people in occupational pension schemes were persuaded to switch into inapprop-

Allders loses finance chief

By Sarah Bagnall

ALLDERS, the department store group that recently sold its international duty-free operation for £160 million, has parted company with its finance director.

Tony Collyer, 40, is to become finance director at New Look, the discount fashion retailer. New Look, which pulled a stock market flotation in 1994, is said to be planning a listing within two years. The retailer was acquired last year by BZW Private Equity and Pruden-

tial Venture Managers. Mr Collyer joined Allders from Arthur Andersen in September 1989. The company floated in November 1993 at 170p, valuing the group at £175 million. Last week Allders completed the sate of its dutyfree operation to Swissair. Harvey Lipsith, Allders' chief executive, said the sale was instrumental in Mr Collyer's decision. "The scope of the role has changed as the na-ture of the business has changed," he said.



Collyer: opts for New Look | new equity issues.

will climb to the rights-issue price, but much depends on the performance of the London and New York stock markets. James Noble, finance director of British Biotech, said: "We'll definitely get the £143 million. The only question is what percentage of the share-holders will take up the rights. I'd be disappointed if it's under

Confidence in the biotechnology sector will no doubt fall if the share price does not recover today. The sector has been out of favour for several weeks, partly because of the flurry of

Biotech

take-up

concern

BY ERIC REGULY

holding millions of pounds

apiece, down 10p, in a falling market, against the £20.50

price of the one-for-eight rights

issue. The shares were as high

as £35 in May, when the

company reported positive clin-

ical results from Marimastat,

The closing time for the take-

up of the rights issue is 3pm today. Analysts said there is

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Hunting shares fall after loss warning

By Sarah Cunningham

A WARNING from Hunting that problems in its aviation division would mean a substantial first-half loss sent its shares tumbling 19 per cent to close at 143p.

Hunting, the defence, aviation and oil group, said that it would make a provision in its results for the six months to June 30 to cover cost over-runs on its contract to supply interior kits for De Havilland's Dash-8 turbo-

prop aircraft. The provision is expected to total at least £25 million and analysts believe that the com-

pany is set to declare a loss of £16 million for the six months. compared with a profit of EI5 million in the same period a vear earlier.

It is also writing off £10.5 million for its investment in the Jetstream 41 turbo-prop aircraft because of production

Ken Miller, chief executive, said that good trading in other parts of the group meant that results for the whole year should show a small pre-tax profit after exceptional items.

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Governor and Wall Stree deal double blow to share

KAREN ZAGOR

THERE was little solace to be found in the City yesterday, where investors took a battering first from Wall Street and then from Eddie George, Bank of England Governor.

The overnight 161-point loss on Wall Street set the tone for the day. While analysts discussed whether the US decline was a permanent correction to an overvalued market or a mere hiccup, investors watched the FT-SE 100 tumble towards its lowest levels of the year with a 65 point drop almost immediately after opening.

Just when it seemed that things could get no worse. Eddie George said he was less than thrilled with the level of government borrowing in the three months to June and predicted that inflation would rise slightly in 1998 after falling to 2.5 per cent in 1997. Shortly after his comments hit the market, the FT-SE dropped 85.7 to a low of 3.612.6 at mid-session. According to one trader, the remarks might have had less impact in a stronger market. "But anything that is said in a declining market that isn't bullish has an impact.

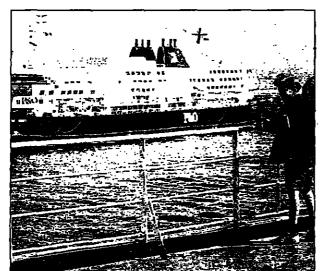
The FT-SE 100 later regained its footing after a strong opening on Wall Street. But US shares failed to hold their gains and by the end of the day the FT-SE was down 66 points at 3,632.3, its lowest close of the year, as traders watched the Dow teeter between gains of nearly 45 points and losses of more than 166. The second day of hefty losses, led by renewed selling in the technology sector. added to the picture that the US

The instability left the market queasy about today's outlook. As one leading broker said: "If Wall Street is down tonight we'll be down again tomorrow." The US could cause more trouble for UK markets later in the week when Alan Greenspan, head of the Federal Reserve, testifies before Congress on Thursday.

Stocks with a sizeable presence on Wall Street were lost 23p to close at £12.41, SmithKline Beecham fell 21p to 664p and Renters eased 17p to 716p. Glaxo Wellcome. which also has a sizeable US presence, had less dramatic losses, edging 9p lower to 865p as the company continued to take strength from reports that it is set to benefit from huge demand for Aids drugs in the wake of last week's

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P&O shares found it plain sailing in a turbulent market

Vancouver Aids conference. Elsewhere in the pharmaceutical sector, the former stock market darling British Biotech, which traded as high at £35 in May, managed to shake off its worst losses of the day. At mid-session yesterday, the ordinary shares were quoted at E20.10p, but by the close of trade they had edged back to £20.30p, 10p lower

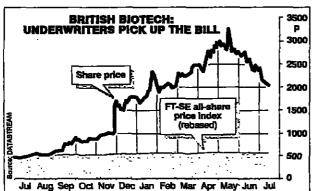
British Energy, which rattled private investors on Monday by becoming the first privatisation to open at a discount on the first day of dealings since BP II, contin-ued to fall. The shares, offered at 100p in their partly paid form, lost 3p to end at 91p. The disappointing performance across the market may

Blenheim, the exhibitions group, was one of the biggest winners on the day amid expectations of an imminent bid for the company. United News & Media is believed to be the most likely bidder, although other names have been mentioned. Blenheim rose 15p to 438p as the market awaited developments.

than their previous day's close and 20p below the rights price of £20.50. The £143 million ights issue closes today.

Other unpopular biotechnology issues included Celltech, down 36p to 509p, and Chiroscience, off 18p at 319p. Orange lost 7.5p to 182.5p as the market registered its lack of enthusiasm for cellular telephone companies. Vodafone also lost ground, tumhave persuaded private investors to start selling shares. There's some evidence of Joe Public selling. The public is waking up to the fact that the market is fairly high and with Wall Street where it is, we may be in for a few more days of profit taking," said one broker.

In spite of the overall market gloom, it was a good day for several transport stocks. BAA started on a strong note



P&O was another story, rising 8p to 500p decision by lan Lang. dent of the Board of Tr lift restrictions on al between cross-Channe operators, opening th for cost saving co-ope between P&O and Stena.

Sun Life also bucked the trend, adding 2p to 221p on the back of strong new business figures. But the Prudential was unable to move higher, in spite of reporting soaring sales. The shares ended at 413p, down 2p.

Railtrack's prospects of entering the FT-SE 100 declined a little when its shares edged

3.5p lower to 209p.

Hunting, the defence and aviation company, was one of the biggest losers of the day. The shares moved lower after the company said it would take a substantial hit to earnings, reflecting a provision and write-off. By the close of trading they were quoted at 143p, a drop of 34p. Speculation that United

News & Media is planning to bid for Blenheim sent shares in United News & Media 27p lower to 629p. ☐ GILT-EDGED: in keeping

with the general, negative tenor of the market, gilts lost ground. The biggest blow was struck by unexpectedly high PSBR numbers for June. In the futures pit, the September series of the long gilt tumbled to £1051316 before regaining its equilibrium to end five ticks lower at £106516. Volume was quite high, with 73,000 contracts completed. The Treasury 8 per cent 2015 lost 14 to £975 while at the shorter end, the Treasury 8 per cent 2000 retreated two ticks to 103116. spurred by Germany, where encouraging comments on interest rates by Hans Tietmever. President of the Bundesbank, prompted a German bond market rally ■ NEW YORK: The Dow Jones industrial average ex-

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TEMPUS Sauce for the goose BAA's lukewarm acceptance of the new pricing formula for landing charges is a bit like the recipient of the golden goose muttering about the cost of feeding the bird. There can be no doubt that BAA has sailed through this regulatory review. Indeed, so pleased is BAA with the regulator's bland conclusions and recommendations that there ought to be a slight reddening of the cheeks among the worthies at the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and the Civil Aviation Authority. After all, what regulator wants it known that the subject of its critical gaze applauds its regulatory report in such terms: "This report is one we can be proud of."

The RPI-3 formula is the best that BAA could hope for. The CAA's curious decision to put forward different options - RPI-8 for five years followed by RPI+13.5 per cent - seems

bizarre, a sop to those who yearn for a more stringent regime. However, it is unrealistic to expect the company to budget on a big surge in charges at the end of a ten-year period. If the CAA wants to shift income into later years, it could adopt a less skewed formula.

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The real disappointment is the failure by the CAA to deal with the issue of competition. It is too late for BAA to be broken up, but there are pressing needs to ensure that this expanding but cossetted industry is exposed to cold air at every opportunity. BAA has squeezed its tenants in the past and there is no reason why airport rents should not be subject to a price cap. Even more regrettable is the failure to consider an alternative owner for Terminal 5. There is a curious complacency about the CAA's attitude: it is a relationship that looks altogether too cosy.

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WHEN Hunting diversified the company into oil and aviation, its hope was that the two new divisions would prevent the company depending too heavily on its traditional defence markets.

Oil has performed well, as has defence - boosted by the contract to run the government's Atomic Weapons Eslablishment — but aviation has flapped about like a wounded bird seeking shel-

ter from a predator. Last year the company had to write off £2 million owed to it by Fokker, the collapsed Dutch company. It is now going to write off £10.5 million for its investment in the Jetstream 41 turboprop. Even worse, it is having to make a provision of at least £25 million for cost overruns and anticipated losses on another contract to fit out

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THERE is an adage in the City, coined after the stock market's boom-bust years in the 1980s: don't buy equities in the same year the stockbrokers are paid their bonuses. The theory goes that bonuses follow a strong buil run and it is folly to buy at the top of the market. Pity then the investors

who, forsaking building societies' poor interest rates, piled into Peps and unit trusts at the turn of the year. Their enthusiasm for equities provided Prudential with a sparkling set of new business figures yesterday, but hard to keep them happy if the FTSE continues its lacklustre performance. Prudential says it will make clear to customers their investment is long-term, but enthusiasm for investments will dwindle

in a bear market. However. if Prudential's optimism about future sales is well-founded and business

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continues to boom, the insurer will need to rethink its plans to buy a building society. Growing business organically at such a high rate renders the extra cost of taking on high street branches unnecessary.

Dash-8 Turboprops. Hun-ting's aviation business does

face a difficult market and

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division as a result of the

debacle. Yet it is a poor

reflection on the central

management that costs were

Short term, strong new business figures and the lure of a dividend from orphan assets will support the share price. Longer term, Prudential has difficult strategic decisions to make to ensure it remains among the financial services front-runners, rather than joining the also-rans.

P&O

that competition policy in the UK is being decided on the hoof, yesterday provided some evidence. After witnessing months of wrangling over the dismemberment of the gas

industry, the stock market yesterday celebrated the decision by the airports regula-

Britain's most profitable monopolies. A few hours later. the Office of Fair Trading agreed to release P&O Ferries from an undertaking not to collude with other ferry operators. Facing a continuing loss of market share to the Channel Tunnel P&O asked to be released from undertakings not to engage in talks with rival ferry owners over

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fares and schedules. The OFT Director-General thought it OK for P&O and Stena to discuss pooling services, but he balked at a fullblown merger. Undeterred. Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, reckons merger talks are fine within legislation.

If P&O Ferries and Stena can pool ships, agree schedules and fix fares, there is little reason to prevent a merger. What is needed in return is a ferry regulator but one with more teeth than the

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Renewed Eighties euphoria is gripping London and New York

City warriors strut Excess on Wall Street out once again in new 'live now' mood

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ies were. The ar-chetypal bracesclad City gent cruised the streets in his red rsche, barking commands down his mobile phone — a rare and trendy accessory in those days — and planning his next killing on a rampant stock market. Behind the wheel was that fiercest of City warriors: the female bond trader. Sharp-tongued and high-heeled, she worked every hour of the day, carving a swathe through dealing rooms, then burning it off in the gym in a paroxysm of dealinspired energy. Armed with Filofax and electronic personal organiser, they made an un-

stoppable combination. Renewed Eighties euphoria has been much in evidence, from a soaring stock market and huge new issue premiums to the El million-plus packages circulating once more. Analysts are being poached en masse, fuelling bigger and bigger payments.

There are differences, of course - the Porsche is morelikely to be a personalised TVR costing up to £45,000, or a Harley Davidson - but an enduring Eighties feel remains. The number of City workers sunning themselves yesterday lunchtime while screens turned a brighter shade of red was

The picture is horribly reminiscent of the days when Big Bang in 1986 swept the City off the Stock Exchange floor and tronic age. Then, excess was measured in the number of three-year guarantees at very, one could buy in an evening overlooking the Broadgate Circle, or how many rounds of karaoke one could handle before the Japanese sapporo took its toll.

Shades off the old days remain, with Balls Brothers offering a Methuselah of Louis Roederer to customers correctly predicting the value of the dollar against the pound as at the end of July. Corney & Barrow, ever attuned to the needs of its City clients, reports Canary Wharf, which comes fitted with dealing screens and



Futures traders in London yesterday as billions were wiped off the stock market

and mergers have transand sent headhunters scrambling for business. Jonathan Baines, senior consultant to Baines Gwinner, has placed four or five City specialists on packages of more than £1 million so far this year. Last year, he was lucky to place one.

Mr Baines said: "I don't know a firm that is not having a record year. Some have made as much in the first six months as in the whole of last vear - and that was an improvement on the year before." He added: "We've got ourselves back into two-year or are up by 100 or 150 per cent on two years ago, and it's easy to say this cannot be sustained, it's all going to end in tears."

The issue is heightened by

comparisons across the Atlantic, where pay packages are running at 50 to 60 per cent higher. Mr Baines said: You're talking double-figure millions over there. Here, it's single-figure millions."

Rudi Mueller, chairman of UBS, has criticised the growing trend towards locking in highflyers on guaranteed bonuses, rather than linking pay to performance. Brian Winterflood, of

direct-dial phones. Takeovers Winterflood Securities, said: "Of course, all the old signs formed City securities houses are here, analysts getting more money, all stoking the fire, but the media's been on this hack for so long: Wall Street's got to crash. It makes the market all the more stronger if you have a correction." He said an "overhyped" AIM market had been driven

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market, with an emphasisamong advisers on getting the issue away and raking in the fees. Huge premiums on new issues generally left fund managers nervous. Shares in Harvey Nichols, the Knights-bridge store, soared 25 per cent in the first day's trading, after institutions oversubscribed

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need only look at the high-flying biotechnology sector, which has come crashing to earth in the past few weeks. British Biotech, the darling of the sector, closed yesterday at £20.30 per share, well off its peak of £35 a share in May and 20p below today's rights issue price of £20.50.

spilt into the leisure market. with traders and brokers splashing out on ever-exotic holidays. On the property front, City gents burnt in the Dockands slump have returned with partner in Knight Frank, said the upturn had been particularly noticeable in the past six months, with brokers in their twenties and thirties spending between £800,000 and £1.5 million. "Docklands is very much up and coming with the twentysomethings. As they get mar-ried, they are tending to drift to Kensington and Chelsea, and Fulham to a lesser extent."

Observers agree on one thing: the TVR has replaced the Porsche as the car of the moment. "It seems to be the car to be seen in," said Peter Smith, sales manager of The TVR Centre, based in Barnet, Hertfordshire and Redhill Surrey. "It spells success."

Richard

Thomson asks

if it is time

for a last cigar before

the fun ends

ment bankers in red braces puffng on large Hayana cigars with expressions that say "I've ust received a bonus that's pigger than you can imagine", it's time to start worrying about the stock market.

New York is in the grip of a cigar craze which, though not as bad as some of the worst 1980s excesses, carries obvious overtones of over-indulgence.

Taken with other reliable indicators, the message is disturbing. We have been here before, and the last time it ended in a crash. A fin de siecle decadence has settled over the stock market where the shares of any no-hope company have been rising effortlessly to absurd prices. The ominously familiar signs of silliness that usually appear in a market reaching its speculative peak are growing by the day.

Since much of New York depends on Wall Street's profits, the euphoria that has gripped the stock market for the past year is reflected on the streets of Manhattan. Take, for example, the Stretch limousines you can count in a 24-hour period — which has been rising with alarming

speed over the past 12 months. Or look at the Manhattan property market, where rents have surpassed the ridiculously high levels hit in the late 1980s and purchase prices are said to be going through the roof. Donald Trump, the property developer who emthe Eighties, has signalled his return from his brush with backruptcy by buying a Boeing 727 to get around in. Consumer spending has been flat generally, but luxury retailers such as Gucci and a host of chic designers can

hardly keep up with the demand for their expensive goods from consumers enjoying their stock market profits. Much the same live-fortoday attitude is visible on the stock market itself. A glut of new share issues, breaking all previous records, is keeping eager investors supplied with

Traders at work in New York as the Dow neared its 161-point fall on Monday

could probably not have been sold. For example, Saks Fifth Avenue, which failed to issue shares once before and has produced losses for the past five years, not only successfully sold its stock recently but saw it race up from \$25 to \$34 host of computer-related companies that have have slim prospects of ever making prof-

its have also soared. Even Planet Hollywood, the restaurant chain, issued shares amid criticism about its fundamental value. But investors everyone else would be buying and the shares nearly doubled

The share frenzy has been driven by small investors pour ing money into mutual funds the US equivalent of unit trusts. In the first six months of this year, a record \$139.5 billion more than for the whole of last year - has come into mutuals whose managers can hardly invest fast enough. But since last to benefit from a price rise before the market turns, their enthusiasm is perhaps

The euphoria, however, has been a bonanza for Wall Street, where this month the number

stocks that in normal times of people employed in the financial sector will pass the previous record set in the month before the October 1987

> The 40 per cent profit surge announced by JP Morgan for its second quarter was typical of the industry's buoyancy. Meanwhile, the 23-year-old investment bankers - and everyone else - really have

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received bonuses beyond most people's wildest dreams. Expectations are so high that when CS First Boston tried to limit its bonus levels more than two dozen senior execu-, tives who had been expecting a windfall walked out. But as the stock market has hit peak after peak, brokers have had

investors should not worry that the normal measures of share value are showing that the market is overpriced.

The ratio of prices to company earnings is around 20 per cent above its historic yields are about the lowest they have ever been. The brokers say that old measures no longer apply. Increasingly, however, the mood is turning against them.

Michael Metz, equity strategist at Oppenheim, the fund The bull market is over. The bounce back from last Friday's 100-point fall on the Dow we've seen all year. All the factors that supported the market have disappeared. There is a short-term inflation problem, interest rates are going up and the outlook for company earnings is not good."

Most ominous of all is that in

spite of the money pouring into mutuals, the market has moved up about only seven per cent. Few analysts believe the market is heading for a 1987 style crash, but a gradual decline for the rest of 1996 and 1997 is more likely. Time, perhaps, for a last cigar and a ride in a stretch limo before the fun ends.

Dow Jones sneeze is a local difficulty

ast month, it was fear of the Fed that drove US prices down; but this time it is dawning reality. Cheap equity capital has financed over-expansion (see this column last week), and disapcointing profits merit a reking. Corporate treasurers have meanwhile delivered a double whammy. Fearing that bargain capital may go away, they have crowded the calendar with new issues, and so drained liquidity faster than the mutual funds can supply it. This correction is led not by small men, but by the .

rather a coughing fit. The US market has been swallowing too many half-plausible stories, and some have stuck in its throat. Ostriches? Forget our Anglo-Australian follies; at least there is a profitable new market out there, somewhere. Talk, rather, of microchips and the Internet. These were the sirens that tempted the technofreaks and the mutual funds that serve them.

Chips have followed the computers that need them into the technology trap — the inevitable slide from pioneering into a plain commodity market. This process took a There was a sneeze, too - or measurable time in the past:

chemicals, nuclear power and then petrochemicals each had long enough in the sun to acquire a nice glow. Electronic events, however. speed of light A couple of years

ago, most major companies (except our own canny GEC), and hundreds of minor ones, were planning chip fabrication plants - Fabs, as US aficionados like to call them. Not so fab. None of them imagined that they were playing a role in travel trade, and Ceefax and



farming: the hog cycle. Prices rise, so put the sows to rut. Next year, a glut. Only those out of step make money.
The Internet is different. Nobody wins, and that

a chase-your-tail game as old as

goes for most things labelled "multimedia". We have been here before. Remember the excitement over Teletext? Prestel, which was to be the Internet of its time, is now just a tool of the

Oracle cost burdens to broadcasters. Same story this time, but writ larger.

A few careful specialists

have succeeded as niche multimedia publishers, but the conglomerates have lost more money than they are ever likely to make. And the Net itself seems to be pure trap, except for the leading information services. Net servers have competed margins clean away. Net advertisers cannot persuade users to screen their ads. Many losses, hardly any

Yet the US small company market, and especially Nasdaq, is cluttered with com-

everyone loses hope.

The interesting question is not why these companies have disappointed, but why Wall Street was so gullible in the The answer, of course, lies in the bull market itself, and the imaginations of the mutual

fund promoters who have served it - themes explored elsewhere in these pages. But that leaves one question unanswered: why should London. and still more pointedly To-kyo, have followed Wall Street Pavlov knew the answer: it

is a conditioned reflex; for there is no objective justification for global nerves. The Dow may now be near the end of a routine 10 per cent correction, and the tell-tale ratios, notably the bond-yield earnings ratio, are by no means abnormal.

Meanwhile, buyers of British Energy have lost as much money in two trading days as those who bought the Dow at its June peak.

It is true that the US derivatives market is still looking for further falls, but this may be pure hedging. Even if it is not, remember that this is a correction special to Wall Street.

Britain and Japan are at a much earlier stage of recovery, with good earnings prospects. British yields remain generous, and London has virtually no high-tech earthquake zone. The institutions are unusually liquid, and corporate treasurers are buyers of stock, not sellers. Wall Street's warning should be London's

opportunity.

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who founded the Slug and Sheepish Lettuce pub chain hardly has feeling

HUGH CORBETT, the frothy publican and owner of the Tup pubs, was brought to task for nodding off at Walton Street Magistrates' Court. The colourful Corbett, who was in court appointing a second licensee to share the responsibility of running his new string of pubs, including the Fulham Tup which does not close until one in the morning, was slightly embarrassed at having to be woken. "I'm sorry, but I can't help it," he pleaded. "These late nights are killing me. It doesn't seem long ago that

last orders meant you went

to bed early and spent Sun-day, relatively sober." The

time to enjoy his favourite tipple - Pimms with extra

Indexed odds

IG INDEX, the City markets' bookie, is gambling on a deal close to home — whether the merger talks between rivals City Index and Sporting Index will go ahead. Stuart Wheeler, IG managing director, has made a sportsman's bet with colleagues that the companies have a 60 per cent chance of merging, whereas his more cautious employees are plumping for 30 per cent.

Creamed off

SACKING directors is clearly getting more expensive. A report published yesterday hard-working 52-year-old

by PIRC, the corporate governance consultancy, shows just how urgent it is for companies to start complying with the recommendations of the Greenbury committee on rolling contracts for directors



"I had a bit of luck 🛂 my allocation was nil"

lasting only one year. In 1994, the top 250 companies paid out £19,8 million in compensation to departing directors. In 1995, compensation rose to . £23.2 million. And in the first six months of this year, £22.8 million was paid out It looks like being a record year for dismissed fat cats.

AN UNFORTUNATELY placed advertisement in a national newspaper yester-day put a rather sinister slant on the scaling down of Siemens's plans for its £1.1 billion investment in North Tyneside. After reading that the German electronics giant may not go ahead with the second phase of the planned development at the Tyneside plant, I turned the page only to discover a recruitment advertisement for Siemens, with a strapline that boasts:

"Wherever you come from, we know where you're going to."

market chain heading for

Trim service SOMERFIELD, the super-

flotation, is making waves with an innovative shopping service. To avoid long queues and appease frustrated yachties and locals alike, the tiny Somerfield store in West Cowes, which took an extra £52,000 at the height of last year's race week, has installed a fax machine to receive grocery orders. Hungry shoppers, who spend an average of £300 per visit, are already feeding their faxes with shopping lists for smoked salmon and champagne, which the supermarket will pack in box-es ready to be collected.

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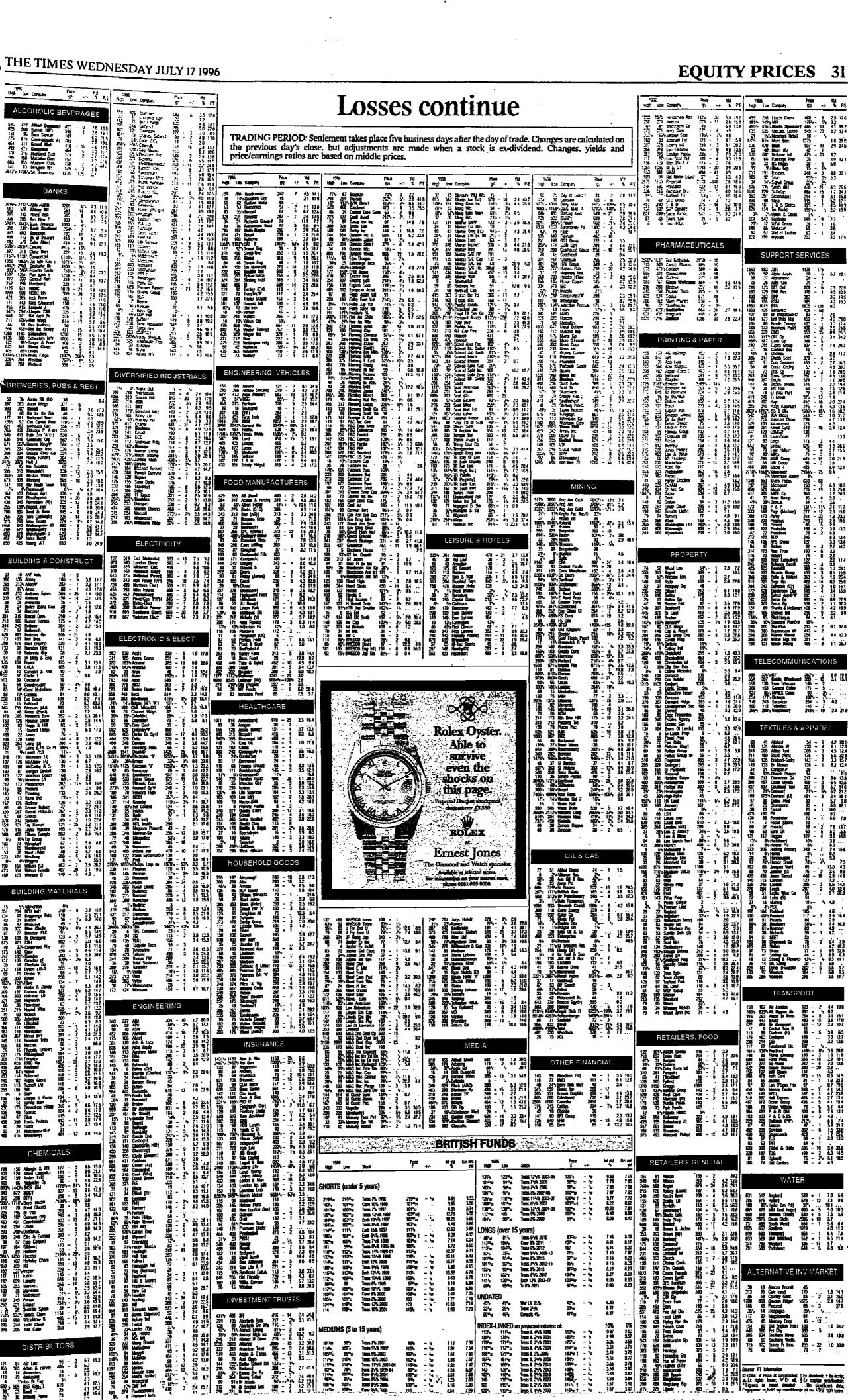
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SONG is enjoying a good showing at this year's Almeida Opera. On Sunday, Mary Wiegold's Songbook that unbound collection of. well, not exactly commissions but gentle persuasions, presented a trilogy of new and newish works for voice and the dark, eloquent combination of clarinets, viola, cello and double-bass which is the Composers Ensemble.

There were II first performances and nine London premieres. Classics of the repertoire strode between them: Colin Matthews's powerful, Britten-esque Cantata on the death of Antony, sung by mezzo-so-prano Pamela Helen Stephen; Nicholas Maw's delicately complementary The Head of Orpheus; and Harrison Birtwistle's gentle, disturbing Paul Celan setting, White and Light, both

sung by Wiegold herself. Of the newest of the new works, I found two songs by Edward Cowie and Simon Limbrick particularly irresistible. Rainbow Heterophony sent splinters of sound flying from soprano and two

Voices in the dark

> Songbook Almeida

clarinets, the voice wordless but forming sounds as swiftly and elusively as light through a prism, and the blown fragments growing almost imperceptibly in depth of colour and duration until the trio was a-babble with activity. Limbrick's Spider's Silver Threads was a duet for clarinets, starting in the vein of old Norse tvisongur, with two voices moving rhythmically a fifth apart, then chasing each other in repeated ascending scales, playing fleet shadow games, and increasing in strength and complexity.

Noer Kondrup's affecting Lullaby, syllabic yet supple of verbal inflection, and circled by clarinet, bass clarinet and the three lower strings; and in Hilary Tann's witty. chatty R.S. Thomas setting, Mother and Son. This song revealed what too many others did not: a truly imaginative understanding of both the human voice and the instruments.

So, it goes without saying, did Alexander Goehr in his Three Songs to texts by Sir James Frazer from Ovid's Fasti. These tiny, fanciful images moved from surreal word and note-play to a sunset mirage of clarinet and viola to a leaping morn-ing star reflected in the ocean. Their beauty was the more seductive for being so fugitive, as was John Woolrich's deft and polished Elvis Costello setting, Malicious Observer, a savagely simple parable of political inno-cence and experience. It drew a more potent silence from the audience than anything else in the evening.

HILARY FINCH

Get your ears bent back

WHAT is that tune trying to escape from Richard Causton's Non mi comporto male? Actually, the clue is in the title but if you translate it as "I am not behaving badly" — which in the print English setting of the Pittville Pump Room, you are likely to do - you won't get it until Ain't Misbehavin' emerges intact at the end.

Such allusive wit and seductive melody were rare in Rolf Hind and Nicolas Hodges's recital of mainly recent music for one or two pianos at the Cheltenham Festival. The more likely approach was an effort to pin the ear to the skull, as Anders Brodgsgaard does most successfully in the first movement of his generally compelling Attaca, Requi-

Hind/Hodges Leopold Trio Cheltenham Festival

Finnissy does rather disappointingly, after so much of more subtle interest, in his Wild Flowers. But it is better to bend the ear in one way or another than to leave it untouched, which was the negative effect of some of the less sophisticated pieces from the piano workshop session of the Society for the Promotion of New Music in

Cheltenham the day before. The morning concert in the Pittville Pump Room was given by the Leopold String Trio in partnership from time to time with

Though not long out of the Royal Academy of Music, the trio is an accomplished ensemble secure enough and flexible enough to take risks. They exchanged ideas most imaginatively with Ades in Mozart's Piano Quartet in G minor, and they did not shrink from giving the first British performance of music as cryptic and as demanding as is contained in Gyorgy Kurtag's Signs,

The new score is a more or less coherent sequence of 17 miniatures (for one or more of violin, viola and cello), of less than two minutes' average duration. A few of them escaped clarification; others were presented in almost embarrassing intimacy.

Games and Messages.

No more Panic buying

Nicholas Kenyon gives Richard Morrison a tour of the premieres in his first year

as Proms director

t was a scandal, a triumph, a disgrace, a cheeky piece of provocation. All of that was said about Sir Harrison Birtwistle's Panic when this short but hugely uncompromising creation was premiered on the Last Night of last year's Proms - and, more to the point, televised live at peak viewing time on Saturday-night BBCl. From Anthea Turner to this? It was a bridge too far for many viewers, and Sir John Drummond's era as Proms director ended in a barrage of protest from middle England. Which was perhaps exactly

what Drummond — another hugely uncompromising creation — intended. His successor as Proms masterchef, Nicholas Kenyon, has already fielded his fair share of outrage from the Disgusteds of Tunbridge Wells, because his day-job is running Radio 3 (or "ruining Radio 3", if you subscribe to the Gerald Kaufman view). So, as Kenyon prepares to launch his first Proms season on Friday, does he have a view on the Panic Affair? Was it a welcome shock to BBC1 viewers, or a mega-decibel public

relations disaster? "It was clearly not a wel-come shock to BBCl viewers." he concedes. "But it was the absolutely logical conclusion of everything that John Drummond had tried to do for new music and for Proms programming in general. After all, the BBC was one of the first organisations to commission Birtwistle, and he's writfor the BBC. So it was entirely



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logical that he should be given a commission for the Last Night. And the fact that the piece has had several more performances since then is a complete vindication."

Despite the verbal war that Panic triggered in the press? The only thing the press usually wants is a good fight. So any lobby group like the intellectual substance whatsoever - makes the front pages."

So there. Nevertheless, Kenyon's own choice of "shocking new music" for his first Last Night is, significantly, neither very shocking nor particularly new: a Concerto in Pieces, by the Danish composer Poul Ruders, which reworks Purcell (in quirky homage to Young Person's Guide) and has already been performed successfully.

If the Panic Episode revealed anything, apart from the gulf between cognoscenti and general public, then it is that no other concert series can match the exposure given to a composer commissioned by the Proms. Kenyon admits that he would not risk as much in a Proms commission as in other circumstances, and this vear's premieres do seem more user-friendly. Perhaps that is because several of them, like Ruders's piece, make self-conscious reference to earlier music.

"Almost all composers now make use of past musical

memories," Kenyon says. "That's one of the most interesting things about new music as we approach the millennium. I think it's a richness, rather than a restriction." Thus Detlev Glanert's Symphony No 3 will be a "symphony about old symphonies";

while Dominic Muldowney's new Trombone premiered next Monday) based on theme-tune of Hancock's Half-Hour. That, says the composer, is

because the trombone apparently "carries the baggage of being both comic and tragic". Prepare to roll in the aisles, then.

What, though, of Kenyon's general philosophy? Will he be putting the Proms at the cutting-edge of the avantgarde, as William Glock did in the Sixtics - provoking professional hatreds that stretch to this day, and mounting premieres that occasionally produced minor riots?

"Well, small riots, not many Kenyon observes. "Glock's action was justifiable because at that point there was so much ground to be made up. If I had been in his shoes in 1960 i would have done the same. These days there are nor so many causes to be fought. It's more a question of going for quality and not acquiescing in the feeling that new music will scare audiences away. Proms audiences are genuinely the most open-

minded in the world." So will Kenyon try to appease the many special-interest groups that

the Proms' door? **6** The absence "No. If you start trying to appease of women people you end up in the middle of a world war. composers There are bound to be omissions. i have nothing Proms is a against hard-line minimalist music, although,

as it happens, there isn't any this year. That's something I slightly regret. I've certainly nothing against women composers, and I think it's a mistake that there aren't any in this year's Proms."

Kenyon believes, along with most music critics, that Britain currently has more good composers than any other country. If that is true, Radio 3 must be given some of the credit. It will spend £150.000 this year on commissions: rehearsal and performance costs come on top of that. But how much longer will John Birt's New Model BBC go on funding Radio 3's promotion of contemporary

music? Kenyon is optimistic -

but that's his job.

"Look at the complete absence of interest in new musical displayed by a certain commercial broadcaster," he says. (He means Classic FM.) "It's perfectly reasonable behaviour for them. But equally, there is a commitment at the BBC to do the things that what do you have a licence fee for, except to invest in the

Finally, the big question. Will all of this year's Proms premieres happen? Last year there were disappointments. "Obviously John Drummond took a big risk for the centenary by commissioning some major international figures. and perhaps not every piece was delivered in the form it was meant to be." Kenyon concedes. "But this year they have all finished. I think."

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Kenyon's composers would certainly have to dawdle to Olympic standards if they were to beat the record for non-delivery held by the eminent Hungarian composer Gyorgy Ligeti. "Long before my time the BBC commis-sioned him to write an opera for English National Opera." Kenyon says, "Who knows? It might yet come to pass." Don't book yet.

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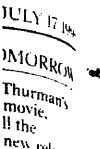
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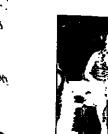
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OPERA: Rodney Milnes on Glyndebourne's new staging of Berg's Lulu; plus Virgil Thomson and Berlioz in London

Keep your ears open and your eyes shut

have been awaited as eagerly as Glynde-bourne's first staging of Lulu, one of this dying century's great and defining masterpieces, and one unseen in the UK for nearly a decade (just as eagerly awaited a production by English National Opera had to be cancelled in the wake of poor boxoffice response to its bold "20-Plus" season in 1990).

The buzz from Sussex has been audible since the project was first announced two years ago, but -hard and charitably as one may search for mealymouthed excuses

anonymous; not funny, not along the lines of 'minor miscalcuhorrifying, not lations" or "easily adjustable anything 9 problems" — the only sound on Monday was

lumph" of an almighty flop. Visually and dramatically, that is; musically the evening is hugely rewarding. Times change: when Lulu (1935) was first performed in this country by guest companies in the 1960s, it was still "difficult", still "nasty modern music". The quality of Glyndebourne's musical preparation has been legendary for 60 years, and Andrew Davis, the London Philharmonic and an exceptionally well chosen cast have plainly worked their socks off to bring out the beauties and

strengths of Berg's score. The new theatre might have been designed to accommodate a tricky 20th-century piece such as this: you can hear everything, the structure, the way the score is put together — and why — without any loss of overall warmth or silky sensuousness (Berg was not Viennese for nothing). The melodies - and they are melodies to all ears save those expecting every tune to sound like Land of Hope and Glory - ravish the ear. Davis gives the black humour full rein (I

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hadn't before noticed a sly Strauss parody when the pimp sings about placing girls from quite the best families in brothels) and ensures that you can hear and relish the offstage music, whether for dance band or mock-barrel organ. The playing is wonderfully well balanced, always

dramatically alive. Just as impressive is the preparation of the singers: what they have to do never sounds "difficult", which of course it is, hid-

eously. Christine Schäfer (Lulu) 6 It's all does not have a just flat and huge voice, but in a house this size and with so considerate a conductor it does singing is pure. expressively phrased as if she

The same is true that unmistakable "phrurrer- of Kathryn Harries as Countess Geschwitz, and, although no Alwa can ever sound entirely unstrained. David Kuebler. Such fine artists as Patricia Bardon, Neil Jenkins and Jonathan Veira, sharing many small roles between them, sound as though they have been singing Berg all their lives.

The main cause of reactions

were in Mozart.

surpassing bemusement and approaching crossness at Graham Vick's production is the way so promising a cast is left dangling in the wind. At what stage — the eternal question with great operatic disasters could it have been seen that something might be going ever so slightly awry? At first sight of Paul Brown's permanent set, perhaps. This is a curved wall in Glyndebourne red brick with Glyndebourne pine doors. In case anyone misses the oh-so-subtle point that the action is supposed to be "us", the Animal Trainer flashes a mirror at us in the Prologue. That's a fairly good one-off joke, but not one to justify a set that is frankly inadequate to suggest loca-



"Her singing is as expressively phrased as if she were in Mozart": Christine Schäfer as Lulu

haut-bourgeois mansion and the squalor of Jack the Ripper's Whitechapel.

The modern-dress costumes are not "us". Dr Schon is dressed as TV's Arthur Daley, an odd visual reference for a newspaper tycobn. Lulu is saddled with a series of neartopless, sideless and bottomless tart's frocks of a vulgarity familiar to those attending ritzier West End discos but seldom seen in Sussex. Other costumes are oddly anonymous: few help define character, save for the wino outfit and tam-o'-shanter for

tions as various as Dr Schön's Schigolch (Norman Bailey); haut-bourgeois mansion and some ill-define it, like the naff outlits for the Athlete, and sadly the coarseness seeps over into Donald Maxwell's singing, just as Wolfgang Schone sounds a little more like Arthur Daley than, say.

Conrad Black. The big problem with Vick's production, though, is his failure to devise a dramatic language in which the epicexpressionist action can naturally unfold. It's all flat and anonymous; not funny, not horrifying, not anything. Why should this particular Dr Schön go mad? Who is this Lulu? Poor Schäfer, who has the physique du rôle in spades, is a blank canvas awaiting the artist. Neither a child, a victim, nor a predator. No humour, no mischievousness, just a deadpan, matter-of-fact young woman. And she could be outstanding. From this bland, characterless back-

ground Bailey's wheezing Schigolch salvages something of Berg's vision, Schone manages one chilling smile as Jack the Ripper, and Jenkins, Bardon and Veira have their moments. But, apart from Davis, this is a profoundly dispiriting evening.

Fun of a surreal kind

Four Saints in

Three Acts

Opera

WHEN I interviewed Virgit Thomson shortly before that grand old man of American letters and notes died, I asked if he had any advice for a cub critic. "Just answer the question 'what was it like?," he said. So here goes . . .

Gavin Henderson, principal of Trinity College of Music, also took some good advice. Thomson urged that he should one day stage Thomson's opera Four Saints in Three Acts and make it come out right". He did, and it has. Trinity's production (by Leah Hausman) for the City of London Festival is musically sure-footed, and captures that fugitive and irresistibly tender wit which pervades Thomson's collaboration with Gertrude Stein.

It is a pity that the barn-like acoustics of Spitalfields Mar-ket Opera (though Thomson, I suspect, would have enjoyed its ambience, among baseball courts, cases and merry-gorounds) made the audience strain to catch the words. Stein said she wrote "to tell what could be told if one did

community of faith and the production of miracles are, sure enough, conjured out of not tell anything". Thomson

Spitalfields Market

responded to her abstract and surreal verbal montage with the tunes and harmonies of chant, psalmody and children's songs. "If a text is set correctly for the sound of it." said, "the meaning will

take care of itself." And it does. Four Saints creates the same sensation that exists when following a play in an unknown language, yet understanding every word. A small chorus of saints tell us of the lives of the St Theresas (Magnea Tomasdomr, John Arnold), St Ignatius (Sjaak van der Bent), St Settlement (Monika Stache) and St Chavez (James Geer) in the form of Sunday-school entertainment. And Thomson's themes of peace between the sexes,

this simply but tellingly cho-reographed production, conducted with equal eloquence by Gregory Rose. The expression and gestures

of gleeful seriousness on the faces of the white-clad chorus counteract nicely the idiosyncrasies of individual saints. The Compere, Devon Harrison, and Commerc, Emily Sheard, keep them all in order. For Act II they picnic, play ring o' roses and race with egg and spoon. A little silver house descends ("How many doors? How many floors?"); then obsessive mathematics gives way to one of Thomson's wonderful big tunes, trombone-led, as the

scene changes.

Act III (not the last one. despite the title) contains St Ignatius's little show-stopper, Pigeons on the grass alas, describing his vision of the Holy Spirit — to which the only possible reply can be "He asked for a distant magpie/As if that made a difference". A dance, a drum-roll and all the saints from their labours rest.

HILARY FINCH

Good tunes from the devil

LSO/Nagano

BERLIOZ read Goethe's Faust as a young man and, in the height of inspiration, dashed off eight musical scenes and sent them to its author. No response came, and Berlioz withdrew the work from publication. However, the depth of Faust's impact on the composer is apparent in every bar of the score that eventually evolved 15 years later: each episode. each image is portrayed with startling, at times almost alarming clarity. In The Damnation of Faust Berlioz's imagination was charged as if with a mission: the result is one of the symphonic master-

pieces of the Romantic era. cannot be done on a small scale and this is one reason why it is performed only rarely. The joint forces of the London Symphony Orchestra and Chorus fitted somewhat snugly into the Barbican, and at times the performance seemed boxed in, as if the hall could barely contain the brilliance of Berlioz's scoring, or the visionary quality of a work

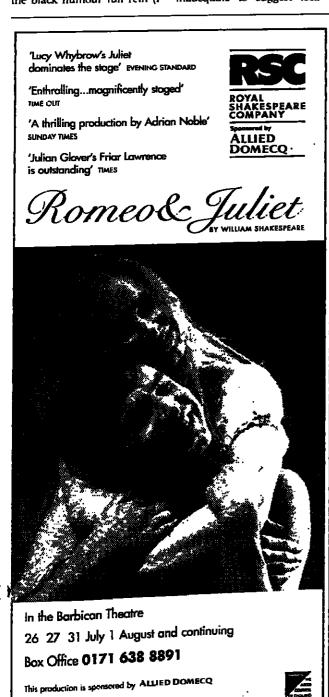
conceived before its time. In addition to the restrictions of the acoustics, it must also be said that Kent Nagano's interpretation had its limitations. His conducting is a model of clarity, and the work hung together well enough. But from time to time his direction felt more perfunctory than inspiring, as in

Barbican the passage where Faust hears the Easter hymn and is turned from suicide, or the final apotheosis of Marguerite. The faster-moving, showler numbers were more successful. Nagano and the LSO were

joined by a classy line-up of soloists. Olga Borodina (re-placing Susan Graham at short notice) sang Marguerite's soliloquies perfectly, conveying her hopes and fears with complete vocal assurance and compelling musical insight. Equally striking was the Italian tenor Giuseppe Sabbatini as Faust.

In The Damnation of Faust the devil may not have all the good tunes but he certainly has many of the most dramat-ic moments. If the young baritone Natale De Carolis did not always bring the necessary characterisation to the role of Mephistopheles, there is no doubting the quality of his voice. The LSO Chorus sang with gusto and reverence as required, and the excellent New London Children's Choir added a touch of radiance to the final heavenly scene. All in all, a memorable evening, though I could have done without the heavy-handed colour coding of the lighting effects.

TESS KNIGHTON



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Channelled towards virtuosity

he unsuspecting visitor to Guernsey in late spring may well be deceived into thinking that the island has everything. Traffic that drifts along at 30mph and stops for pedestrians; subtrop-ical flora and bluebells; cuckoos and puffins; home-made ice-cream and oysters. Everything, that is, except a resident professional string quartet. But on a hill-top called Les Gravees, change is in the air.

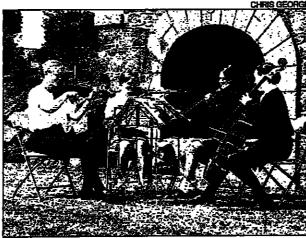
The eyes may be still very much fixed on the musicstands, but the sound is a fine, close blend, the solo entries robust. As the first violin draws back to the second subject of Dvořák's American Quartet, a slight side-step to the minor key shows just how tricky intonation can be at that Suddenly the second violin

leads the way into a spikily imitative passage, asserting its right to be a soloist, and also to speak out. "When we get to figure eight, there should be a change of mood, shouldn't there? I mean, like, this is something quite new?" "Yes!" The first violin concurs. "And make sure that the speed picks up at six. It's up to you to really keep it going." The first violin, Angharad

Lewis-Jones, is 18; the second. Debra Venn, just 16. With Ella Fuller (viola, 16) and Rachel Bichard (cello, 18), they already have every second of their spare time cut out - in between revision for GCSE and A levels -- playing for the governor and the bailiff of their bailliwick, and palmcourting at hotels and wed-

The string quartet of the Coull Quartet, who visit the masterclass.

Hilary Finch listens to the young players of Guernsey's string quartet



Stringing along: the Ladies' College founding line-up

Ladies' College, Guernsey, was formed by peripatetic violin teacher David Cooper out of an advanced string group set up in turn by head of music Joan Le Flem, who realised that several members of the school orchestra needed a tougher challenge.

They started off by snatch-

island three or four times a year in their capacity as section principals of the Guernsey Symphony Orchestra. Then they flew across for the National Children's Chamber Music Competition, where they were quite relieved not to be placed, simply because two more visits would have bankrupted them. For the Cambridge Sympo-

sium for Young String Quartets, though, they obtained the necessary sponsorship from Rothschilds (not too difficult on Guernsey). But time, tide and barometric pressure can defeat every bank in St Peter Port and, after log had diverted them from Birmingham to Exeter, they arrived at Cambridge halfway through the ing the coaching services of the weekend, having missed their

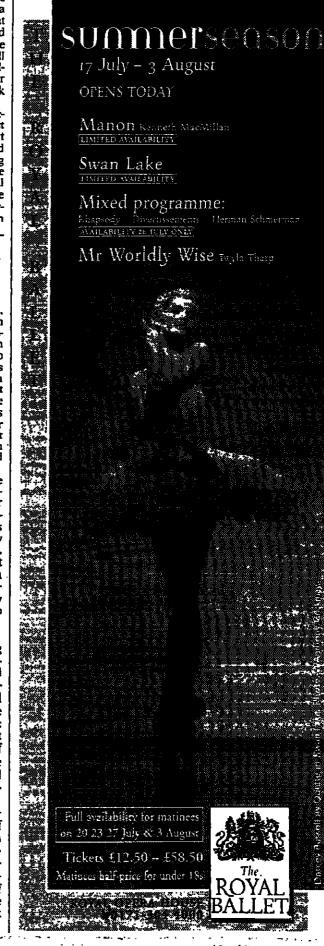
What they learnt, though, what they learnt, diought from a special extra session with loan Davies of the Fitz-william Quartet, was that in quartet playing there is no hiding place. The leader was made to stand up and play a solo in order to learn what it really is to lead; the other three soon found out that there was no second, no half beat of a bar when they, too, were not required to be either soloists in their own right, or skilled

accompanists.

Le Flem notices that the quartet players inevitably develop an unusually acute ear and razor-sharp critical faculties. They certainly rehearse as demandingly and combatively as any professional ensemble. though no member has yet been tempted to contribute a piece for the medium to their composition portfolio. They admit that it's safer to stick to Bach chorales.

ust as they are getting used to asserting them-selves, to listening and responding, leading and following, the quartet will fall apart. School quartets come with built-in obsolescence: leader and cello will leave next month for the universities of London and Surrey, and the second violin and viola will have to pick two new colleagues in September.

They are determined to continue. Islanders have a way of crossing more water than most - but then being irresistibly drawn back. In one incarnation or another, and doubtless with many changes of personnel, the Ladies' College of Guetasey String Quartet looks set for a long life.





CHOICE I

Jane Austen, again! Emma goes on stage in Islington

VENUE: Opens tonight



CHOICE 2

Corin Redgrave stars in a new RSC play about Washington

VENUE: In preview at the Swan, Stratford

THE***TIMES



■ CHOICE 3 Mark Elder

conducts Elgar and Walton in Birmingham VENUE: Tonight at Symphony Hall



■ THEATRE

Who are the mad ones? The old question returns in a fine stage adaptation of Wharton's Birdy

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Bill. PRISELL: The American guitarist plays his distinctive brand of Improvised music in a programme that joins elements of bluegrass and country blues with tree jazz and rock in rot. Gueen Brusheith Hall, South Bank, SE1 (0171-980 4242) Tonight, 7 45pm

EMMA: Last of Jane Austen's so: novels to be dramatised for stage novels to be dramatised for stage, cnema or television in the past 12 months. Michael Fry a diaptation edds the artful framework of a bossy girl who stegles a play about the bossy herolino. King's Head, Upper Street, N1 (0171-226 1916). Opens ranight, 7 30pm. ROYAL BALLET SCHOOL: A

performance by young dancers who epresent the future of British classic dance This evening's programme includes En Sategu by Dame Ninette de Valois and David Bintley's dramatic Rake's Progress, preceded by national and folk dances. There are also two new ballets: by Christopher Wheeldon to the music of Benjamin Britten and by Jenniter Jackson to the music of Bach Holland Park, Holland Park, W8 (0171-. пиненти гнить, попало мать, w8 (017) 602 7856), Tonight-Sal, Spm; mat Sal. 2 30pm. 🙆

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THE DECAMERON: Nick Ward directs his own selection of takes from Boccaccio, updating them to a contemporary setting, Last in the season of "New Playwrights, Ancient Sources" Gate. 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (0171-229 0708). Previewe begin tonight, 7 30pm. Opens July 23, 8pm The Mon-Sal, 7 30pm. Unit August 17

III HABEAS COMPUS, Terrific cast for revival of Alan Bennett's modern farce: Brenda Bethyn, Cela Imne, Imelda Staunton, Jim Broadbert, Nicholas Woodeson, and Sem Mendes directing Donnaw Warehouse, Eartham St. WC2 (0171-369 1732) Mon-Sat, Bom: mats Thurs and Sat, 4pm. Until July 27

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Mon, 7.30pm; mai Sat. 2.15pm. in rep El MARTIN GUERRIE: The latest Bouloil and Schonberg musical, set to follow the success of Les Mis and Miss Sat, Declan Donnellan directs a cast led by fain Glen and Juliette Caton in a tale based on the true 16th-century story of love, war and identity.

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A daily guide to arts

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STRATFORD UPON AVON: In Richard Nelson's new play The General from America, James Laurenson plays Benedict Amold, the soldier Americans love to hate because he

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THE ODD COUPLE, Jack Nugman, Tony Randal play the two divorced husbands, slob and fusspor in a revival of Nel Smon's correcty. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sai 8.15pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Set. 5pm (§)

III THE PHOENICIAN WOMEN Kaile am The Procurementaria woman's rain Mitchell's engrossing production of Europides from last year's Stratford season; highly praised playing by Lomaine Ashbourne, Lucy Whybrow The Pill, Barbican Centre, ECZ (0171-538 8891) Tonight and terriorrow, 7.15pm In rep.

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Swam, Waterside (01789 295623) Previews begin tonight, 7,30pm Opens July 23, 7pm. Then in rep (5)

Also in Strettford, Steven Puriotic directs Molère's cornedy The Learned Ladles. Namh Cusack, Jane Gumett and Roger Allem lead a production frest keeps to the 17th century. The Other Place, Southern Lane (01789 295 823) Prevenus began tonight 7 30pm Opens July 25, 7pm. Then in nep (6)

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Chicken wins over the ego THEATRE

Birdy Lyric Studio, W6

f some kindly sponsor were to offer a prize for the oddest performance in London, Mathew Wait would be the actor to beat. He crouches, sometimes on the floor, sometimes on the end of a hospital bed, jerking his head and occasionally emitting what appears to be half a cluck, half a coo. His hands. which he mostly holds behind him, flicker like tail feathers, and his preferred way of eating is to open his mouth a mile wide while a friend gently spits chewed-up food down his throat. He appears, rather literally, to

But is he? We know he is a GI in a psychiatric ward at the end of the Second World War. But is he a soldier driven mad by his experiences, or a sane soldier cannily pretending to be insane, or an inscrutable soldier who, R.D. Laing-fashion, is forcing us to redefine what we mean by mad and sane? Those are some of the questions William Wharton raised in his novel Birdy, Alan Parker repeated in the film, and the dramatist Naomi Wallace now transposes to the stage. The result is a livelier, more gripping evening than I — who have memories of winging off to the Land of Nod during the film - had dared to expect.

Wallace writes in the programme that she was attracted to the novel largely because it showed "the dehumanising process boys are forced to undergo in order to become acceptable 'men' in our society", adding that compassion, sensuality and eroticism between men are repressed in favour of macho show. By way of demonstrating this she has split both Birdy, as the protagonist is called throughout, and



Birdy (Matthew Wait) and Al (Corey Johnson) in Naomi Wallace's fine dramatisation of William Wharton's novel

his friend Al into two. We watch Adam Garcia's Al Jr and Tam Williams's Birdy Jr chummily clambering on top of Kevin Knight's steel-and-wire set. Then the thing spins, and we see the damaged grown-ups into whom the pressures of an America at war have transformed them.

On the face of it, Birdy is the more troubled. His obsession with birds dates from boyhood. He would like nothing better than to change species, and even makes childish efforts to fly,

only to plummet perilously down scarps and into ponds. But the suggestion is that his obvious escapism may be healthier than his friend's attempt to cope with family violence by developing a thick mask and a tough persona. Although the local shrink has cast Corey Johnson's Al Sr as a helper and healer, his nerves are actually in as bad a state as his jaw, which has been shattered in battle.

I would have liked to have learnt more about the events that push Birdy

towards avian catatonia; but there is no doubt that Wallace's switches of time and character add to the evening's texture without spoiling its narrative thrust. Moreover, Knight's cast is one of the more impressive I have seen at this sometimes dodgy address: quick, bright, and skilful enough to leave you believing that something as silly as playing at being birds is a perfectly serious matter.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

CABARET: A Katharine Hepburn for the 1990s; the ideal man for Garland and Streisand

Her style so warm

Mary Cleere Haran Rainbow & Stars, New York

FEW American vocalists approach a cabaret song with as much grace and diligence as Mary Cleere Haran. No pouting balladeer or wide-eyed ingénue, she is a connoisseur who delivers precise, uncluttered readings of material from the vintage years of Tin Pan Alley and Hollywood.

British audiences have a chance to er to know her a little better as Richard Rodney Bennett accompanies her in her London debut at Pizza On The Park (until July 27). There, as on her most recent album. This Funny World, the spotlight is on Bennett's arrangements of songs by Lorenz Hart: some well known, others rescued from the archives.

Attractive as they are, Haran's records do not convey the full breadth of her talent. On disc her careful diction and avoidance of fluff and

ornamentation can appear almost austere. Once you see her in the flesh, and listen to her nonchalant asides, you realise that she is anything but impersonal. Vivacious and playful, sometimes earthy, she resembles nothing so much as a Katharine Hepburn

All those virtues were paraded in her set at Rainbow & Stars, dedicated to the work of the lyricist Dorothy Fields, who wrote I'm In The Mood For Love and The Way You Look Tonight.

Barbara Cook helped to focus interest on her work a few years ago with the tribute disc Close As Pages In A Book. Accompanied once again by Bennett, Haran managed to squeeze in reams of biographical detail without lapsing into didacticism. The colloquialisms of the songs themselves were perfectly pitched, with

just the right combination of big-city sophistication and romantic longing. Pick Yourself Up and A Fine Romance took us to the era of Fred and Ginger. Poised in her diaphanous gown, Haran languidly evoked the era of the fle de France and The March of Time. On a humid night, the clouds had obscured the city lights beneath our skyscraper. Haran's voice recreated

them in our minds. When she pecled off her white gloves, you sensed the whole room holding its breath.

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LES MISERABLES

Judy in disguise

Jim Bailey Green Room, Café Royal, London W1

IT WAS in London, 27 years ago last month, that Judy Garland died: but through the necromantic skill of Jim Bailey, she is smiling and singing as vibrantly as ever at the Green Room. Bailey is alternating his Garland and his equally uncanny impersonation of Barbra Streisand to full houses and his season has been extended until Saturday. A few moments in the company of his creations makes the reason clear: he hecomes these singers to a degree that defics disbelief.

Other performers may capture the look, the timbre, the intonation or the mannerisms, but only he can achieve them all and maintain them through an hour or more on stage, the audience just beyond his outstretched arm and in many cases devoutly devoted to the divas being represented. You daren't "diss" Judy or Barbra in front of an

upmarket gay crowd. honey, and Bailey currently has even the most nitpicking of them cheering in appreciation.

As last year at the same venue, his Streisand, from impeccably-parted coiffure to dainty foot, is compellingly ithentic. The between-song bling is as convincing as the big. confident voice or the way the hand absently traces an arc from the crown of the head to the tip of the fringe.

And Judy? Well. by Gumm, she is in terrific form. The smile is just a little too bright, the stomach a touch prominent, the chat tumbling over itself with a girlish eagerness to please and to be liked. The voice is warm,

thrilling, even lusty. offered: after all, this is a knowledgeable crowd, and Bailey, apart from having sung alongside Liza Minnelli, recreating the mother-daughter partnership, has performed at the express invitation of both Streisand and Minnelli, so he knows whereof he speaks. His accompanist. Sean Gough. is impeccably attuned to the nuances of both performances and it is said that. should you be close enough to the stage, you can verify that even the perfume is in character. Uncanny, and as classy an act as you could hope to

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In east London a new community is rising from the rubble of a crime-ridden Sixties high-rise estate. Rachel Kelly reports

Home is where the tower block was

The day 1 visited Oliver Close, overlooking Hackney Marshes in east London, the men from the Ordnance Survey were there. They were mapping the 170 new brick houses built on the former site of a rey concrete tower block.

Pensioners pottered in freshly

planted front gardens. Children whizzed by on bikes. Christine Harris, for 17 years a resident of the 24-storey Sixties Clifford Hicks block, summed up their enthusi-asm. The atmosphere is completely different here. Friends come to visit us. Asian neighbours ask you in to taste their food.

"Previously nobody came to see us in the tower block. They were worried about leaving their car, so they would just toot their horn for you to come down in the lift. People didn't even want to give out their address, as there was such a stigma about living in the blocks."

But this is more than just a tale of demolition. It is the story of a community regenerated. Ask residents what thrills them, and the answer could just as well be the job training schemes and the new community centre, the lower crime rates and friendly neighbours, as the new houses.

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housing renewal. As the project's back garden with a front door on chief executive, Mike Wilson, says: the street. Defensible space and "It's not just about the houses. problems that had developed on the estate. All you end up with are new homes and the same vandalism, poverty and general deprivation that existed before.

When completed, it will

be a showcase of urban

"We are trying to regenerate the area by improving people's chances of jobs, the facilities that are available, and the spirit of the place to create a self-sustaining community with control over its future."

The ten tower blocks that made up the Waltham Forest estate needed urgent attention. Surveys in 1987 showed that it would cost Ello million to refurbish and repair

This was a classic "sink" council estate, housing some of the most deprived families in Britain. The Prince of Wales once called the blocks the worst he had ever visited. Unemployment ran at 40 per cent on the four blocks of Oliver Close, Boundary Road, Cathall Close and Chingford Hall. The flats suffered from broken entryphones. vandalised garages and burnt-out bin areas. Fly-tipping was common and cars were frequently torched. The blocks themselves were poorly insulated and many were structurally unsound.

But funding for repairs proved a stumbling block. The first possible solution was suggested in 1987. The plan was to set up a company run by tenants and Waltham Forest Council, which would update the properties with funding from central government. Then the company would lease the flats back to the council. But in March 1988, the Government announced restrictions on any lease-back funding.

The second plan in 1988 was to set up a tenant-run housing association which would take over the estate. Work would be funded by selling some flats and by a dowry from the council. The Environment Department blocked the scheme.

The deadlock was broken the following year with proposals for a Housing Action Trust (HAT). In April 1991, the then Minister of Housing, Sir George Young, visited the estates and announced that a ballot of tenants would take place in the summer. Of the 75 per cent of tenants who turned out to vote, 81 per cent were in favour. It was a propaganda triumph for the Government. At last their longed-for

HAT scheme had begun.

Ownership of the flats was transferred from the council to the HAT in April 1992. A board was set up, and by 1993 the estates were being managed by the HAT rather than the council.

Oliver Close is the first phase of the HAT's ambitious plan to redevelop the whole estate in four phases. One innovation is to transfer tenants straight from their old flats into new houses on the same estate in a single move.

New houses were built on underused open space at the borders of the estate. This allowed two tower blocks to be vacated and demolished in the second phase, with the process repeated for another two phases. The structural engineer,

Alan Baxter & Associates, helped to delineate the four rolling phases of demolition, so as not to cut off heating and other mains services. Three occupied tower blocks remain. Tenants themselves

were involved in choosing the design of their new homes, and run their own "design group". In answer to questionnaires, 95 per cent of tenants wanted a

curtain twitching were preferable storey. They were asked to state their preferences on the shape of rooms, as well as kitchen and bathroom units and paint colours.

esidents felt strongly about kitchens. They wanted them at the back of the house, with the smart front rooms on show for passers-by. And they didn't want children marching in from the back garden to the living room with muddy shoes. They wanted them coming into the kitchen.

The result is terrace houses fronting narrow streets with tiny rear gardens, recreating the Vic-torian street pattern, plus a scattering of upstairs maisonettes reached by external dog-leg stairs. They are hardly revolutionary in design. But there are gable fronts, pitched roof canopies, dormer windows and two-tone brickwork, all in the "arts and crafts" style favoured by the architect, Hunt Thompson.

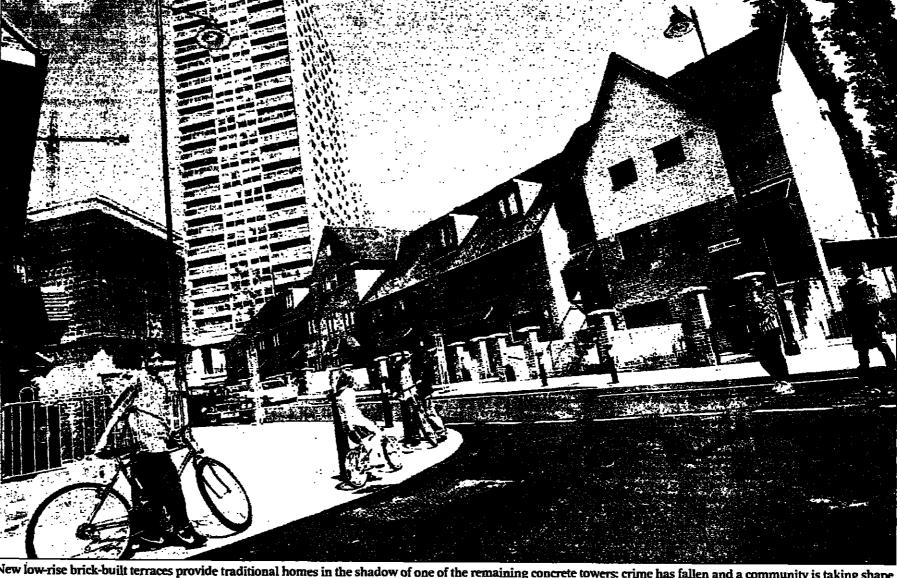
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New low-rise brick-built terraces provide traditional homes in the shadow of one of the remaining concrete towers: crime has fallen and a community is taking shape

FROM HIGH RISE FLATS TO HOUSES residents from blocks D and E

The first tenants moved into their new homes 13 months ago. Others are less lucky. The main frustration voiced by tenants is the slowness of redevelopment. It has already taken seven years since the first plans were drawn up, and the project will not be completed until 2002.

They are consoled by improvements to the tower blocks meanwhile. The windows have been strengthened with toughened glass. The door bolts have been improved and the blocks repainted. Life is already more bearable for tenants. At the start of redevelopment, concrete podiums and an abandoned, crime-ridden car-park beneath the blocks were removed, moves already vindicated by falling crime statistics.

The HAT's concerns go beyond bricks and mortar. Tenants are encouraged to participate in all

aspects of estate renewal. Four of the directors on the nine-strong HAT board are tenants. Each block has a tenants' steering group. Around 20 per cent of tenants are actively involved in the HAT. Debbie Griggs has chaired the estate steering group at Oliver Close for two years. The steering group's role is to represent tenants on any and every matter," she says. "We deal with childcare, health and safety, and maintaining proper services for the people still left in

the tower blocks." Part of the HAT's offices at the foot of one of the tower blocks has been converted into a community centre, hosting aerobics, karate classes for children, a one-stop health shop particularly focused on the number of residents suffering from asthma, and an out-of-school children's club.

"These will benefit those from the surrounding community as well as our tenants," says Mr Wilson. "Our arts development programme is trying to create a strong community life, and to involve young people. If it takes rap music events, as well as drama, photography and creative writing, to attract youth away from the streets, so be it.".

Training courses in construction are laid on at a second centre on the estate. which also runs a Careers Advice and Placement Project open to all tenants, and a Business and IT centre. "The CAPP makes sure that estate tenants get first interviews for any local job coming up. And it gets the building contractors to employ locals, "says Mrs Griggs. Firms employed by the HAT are committed to using 20 per cent local

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HOUSING Action Trusts were enshrined in the 1988 Housing

Act, the brainchild of the then

Environment Secretary, Nicho-

las Ridley, as the Tory answer to

Britain's housing problems. Despite the overall success of

the right-to-buy policy, council flats, especially in tower blocks,

had proved almost impossible

The action trusts would, after a tenants' vote, take control of

such properties away from town

halls and hand them to the

tenants. Funding for mainte-

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AN EXPERIMENT IN HOUSING ACTION

HATs off to tenants

advice and training schemes have helped 561 tenants into work and a further 558 into training. There have been complaints, chiefly from consultants involved in the projects who have criticised other professional advisers and suggested that too many experts and different architects were used. Four different architects have been used for each stage, but Mr Wilson

counters that each has improved on the previous schemes. Others have muttered about planning inefficiencies: 170 families have not got a home in the new redevelopment, so the trust will have to buy land elsewhere to

in a project of this size, says Mr Wilson. Households change. Babies are born, the old die. The improvements have been

given to parents, with funding from Whitehall.

But the plan fell flat. Tenants

across Britain proved loyal to

their local councils. Fearing that

their security of tenure would be

at risk, or that rents would rise,

they spurned the action trust

Then tenants woke up to the

possibilities of extra funding.

Tenants in Hull, Liverpool,

Birmingham and Waltham For-

est realised that just as the Government had ensured

above-average funding for opted-out schools, so it would do

experiment

made possible by the Environment Department's generous funding. The HAT has spent £150,000 per house, including the demolition of the old homes, the diversion of mains services and an underground river, and the construction of a six-metre wall as a barrier against sound and pollution from the North Circular Road, Actual building costs for a five-person. three-bedroom house of £50,201 are comparable with the allowance for equivalent housing association

The Government has no plans for any more HATs, and the Waltham Forest HAT will cease to exist when redevelopment is finished in 2002. Tenants will then vote for their future landlord, be it a return to the council, a new community-based housing association, or another local housing association.

But there are lessons from Waltham Forest, its achievement has been to tackle problems together rather than in isolation. The investment is huge, but the long-term gains may prove so as well.

The Government's latest vehicle for urban renewal is the Single Regeneration Budget, which councils can bid for. Funds are given to tackle housing, education, employ-ment and social services in Britain's most run-down estates in a concerted effort.

The buzzword in housing is 'housing plus'," says Mr Wilson. "And I think HATs have gone some way in helping to make that the

POLICE JOIN RESIDENTS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CHIME

Plant shrubs, lock windows

muggers or vandals can hide." So says Chief Inspector Royston Colbourne, in charge of de-sacs mean that criminals can't escape; front gardens provide a natural defensible space; the back the crime prevention division at Leytonstone police station. gardens back on to other gardens The new low-rise houses at

hindering escape routes. -"We told the architects where to Waltham Forest make front doors visible to the passing public, and there are few hiding places. place windows and put off-street. parking so that people could see their cars," says Mr Colbourne. Lighting has been improved, and "Police patrols have been co-ordinated with those of the HAT's there are fewer alleyways and no underground car-parks or lifts.

The police are fond of stressing own security officers."

that they have "designed out" Ironically, low-rise housing brings its own problems, says PC crime: a buzz-phrase referring to the lay-out of the new streets. Cul-Wayne Jones, a crime prevention

officer in Leytonstone. "There are more doors and windows through which the criminal can enter. The estate was also going to look new and prosperous, which

would encourage burglars." Therefore the new homes have been fitted with locks recommended by the police, and homeowners are being taught basic crime prevention. These people have never had gardens before, says Mr Jones. We're helping them to decide what kind of shrubs to plant which will eventually grow to act like a fence. It's more attractive than mesh and just as effective."

Mr Colbourne agrees. "Many of the residents aren't use to living in low-rise buildings," he says, and will forget simple crime prevention actions such as closing . windows."

In 1992-93 there was an average of six cases of forced entry burglary a month; there have been just three incidents in total in the past two years. The fear of crime has also been reduced,

satisfaction survey from the HAT. Problems do still exist. Common assault and theft from motor vehicles are rife. In October 1994 there were four recorded car crimes; in October 1995 this had risen to ten. In February of this year there were seven incidents of

crime with violence.

according to the latest tenant-

Perhaps the most lasting achievement will be the attitude of residents. As Mr Colbourne says. People on the estate are proud of where they live now. They're more likely to look after their properties and less likely to turn to crime themselves. Prior to the scheme there was an isolationist attitude among the residents. A sense of community really is developing."

Conservationists are fighting to save Jersey's Colomberie House, which they claim is the work of Sir John Soane



Colorgberie House, built in the 18th century but later aftered

demolition of Colomberie House in Jersey will be put to the Jersey Planning Committee next month, despite the best efforts of conservationists and architectural historians to save the

house. The house's supporters have renewed their efforts to save Colomberie after a letter to The Times highlighted the

house's architectural merit. Coopers & Lybrand, which occupies the building, has concluded that the property has no "significant architectural merit". But documents in the Sir John Soane museum show the architect's involvement in remodelling the existing 1770s house, according to the letter from Margaret Rich-

n application for the ardson, the museum's curator. Colomberie is believed to be the only building in the Channel Islands with any alteration by an architect of such national importance as Soane, who also designed the Bank of England and the Dulwich picture gallery.

Geoffrey Grime, the head of Coopers & Lybrand in Jersey, defended the decision to demolish the building.

"We would stress that Jersey's Royal Court ruled in 1992 that the building could not be accredited to Sir John Soane." he said, "We would also point out that the building is owned by Manip Ltd, the family firm of Peter Blampied, a former senior partner at Coopers." Mr Blampied said the docu-

Letter fuels the Jersey row that the house should be detail, the only change to the

demolished. "This is not fresh evidence. We knew about lowering of some of the winthese documents in 1992 when the Royal Court spent a long time considering drawings done by Soane of the house.

"It was argued prior to the hearing by some that Colomberie had been designed by Soane. In fact the property had been built before 1810, when Soane was consulted. Though he may have ments did not change his view us altered some of the internal

outside of the property was the dow-sills."

r Blampied added:
If any criticism exists for the proposals that are now shortly to be implemented, I accept the responsibility. If I believed that Colomberie enjoyed any significant architectural merit. I would want to preserve it." Professor F. Fielden, who

the time of the Royal Court hearing, supports Mr Blam-pied's view. "Certainly in 1810, Hemery (the owner) sent survey drawings of the house to Soane, who prepared an ambitious scheme of refurbishment. But this was not carried out . . . Soane would have been horrified if the resulting work had been attributed to him."

advised Coopers & Lybrand at

But conservationists are passionate in the building's defence. Alastair Layzell, the chairman of Save Jersey's Heritage, said: "I am astonished that Coopers will not respond to the architectural evidence. I'm amazed they will not respond to the likes of the Prince of Wales, who has campaigned to save this building. They seem to have set people of Jersey."

their face against any new evidence." Two years of research by the

architect and scholar of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, Ptolemy Dean, has highlighted how Soane imposed his general architectural ideas on the building. Mr Dean has also found the building to be in good condition, in contrast to Coopers & Lybrand, which says the house is in a poor

"My research has reassessed the evidence which led to the decision of Jersey's Royal Court in 1992 to demolish the house," Mr dean said. "Coopers must have the courage to be enlightened. Otherwise the losers will be the **TO ADVERTISE CALL:** 0171 481 1986 (TRADE) 0171 481 4000 (PRIVATE)

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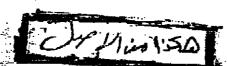
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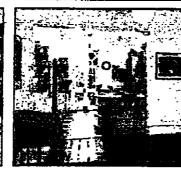


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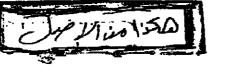
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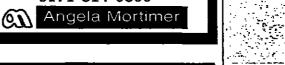
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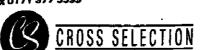
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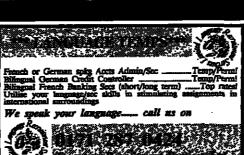
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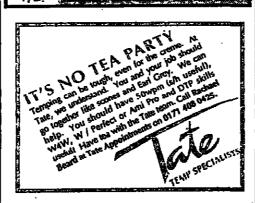
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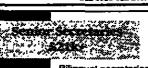
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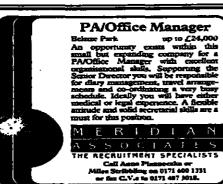
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Blakey keeps his nerve to seal Yorkshire victory

NORTHAMPTON (Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire (4pts) beat Northamptonshire

FINELY crafted half-centuries from Martyn Moxon and Anthony McGrath and a pug-nacious 35 not out from Richard Blakey carried Yorkshire to a thrilling last-ball victory in yesterday's AXA Equity & Law League game and left Northamptonshire contemplating a season ruined by three defeats in seven days.

Blakey faced the last ball of the innings needing to score one run for victory. The bowler was Paul Taylor, who had earlier put his side in the driving seat with three impor tant wickets in 18 balls. With the fielders brought in, Blakey hit it through the on side for

Blakey and his ninth-wicket partner, Silverwood, needed to

score 20 from the last two overs and Silverwood had played a key part by hitting Curran for six and four from When Yorkshire were 47 for

four in reply to Northampton-shire's 236 for four, there looked as though there could TABLE

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Warwickshire still have what it takes

EDGBASTON (Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire (4pts) beat Lancashire by 13 runs

CHAMPIONS in 1994 and runners-up last year, Warwickshire have quite suffi-cient savvy to finish no lower in the AXA Equity & Law League this season. They are four points behind the leaders after this victory over the Benson and Hedges Cupwinners, achieved before a crowd that was no smaller than they would have drawn on a Sunday. The principal contribution came from Neil Smith, but this was another

all-round performance. Various individuals came up with quick runs or useful wickets when they were most needed. Mention should also be made of Penney, who caught Crawley and then Fairbrother on the deep square leg boundary. Each was finely judged, the second taken inches inside the

boundary rope. Lancashire required 42 from the last four overs, then 29 from the final two. Austin. whose ability is more widely recognised after the events of Saturday, struck the ball to good effect until he was out with six balls remaining, but the task was too great. Munton took two wickets in the penultimate over and Lancashire finished 14 runs

short of victory. As they had for the Benson

shire left out Elworthy, their

South African all-rounder.

There was no point in chang-

ng a winning side. Having conceded 66 off the first 12 overs, Lancashire did well to restrict their opponents to 212 for six. The pitch. which was slow and worn. took a certain amount of spin. Aithough Smith made 76 off 82 balls, including a six and just three fours, the Warwickshire innings never really took shape. The two spinners, Watkinson and Yates, re-

turned the best figures. Other than Smith, the most impressive strokeplay came not from Penney or Pollock, or even Knight, who batted well enough, but from Brown, who elegantly lifted Chapple for six and then opened the face of the bat to cover-drive Austin for four. At the time, Warwickshire's total did not seem to be quite sufficient.

Watkinson went in Munton's first over and Gallian was run out by Oslear's swoop and throw. Atherton played pleasantly enough in making 33 in quick time before he was caught on the cover boundary. Lloyd ran

With Fairbrother coming in down the order after pulling a muscle in the field, Lancashire were dependent upon Crawley coming up with a measured innings. He made a half-century off 64 balls, but did not bat for quite long

only be one winner. Taylor had accounted for Vaughan. Bevan and Byas in quick succession, while, in Emburey's first over. White turned a ball tamely into the hands of square leg.

Then a thrilling partnership of 111 in 17 overs between Moxon, who scored his first league half-century for two years, and McGrath turned the match strongly in York-

At 196 for four, they needed 41 from the last seven overs, but tight bowling — especially from David Capel — and tigerish fielding brought Northamptonshire back into

Last week, Northamptonshire were chasing three one-day trophies, but defeats by Lancashire in the NatWest Trophy and the Benson and Hedges Cup final had left them relying on the Sunday competition for a trophy.

around Curran's unbeaten 92. his highest one-day score of the season. He faced 105 balls and batted for all but five overs, having gone in first wicket down. He put on 106 in 22 overs with Montgomerie, who scored 69 from 78 balls, and with Penberthy also promoted Bailey, the side's best batsman, did not get to the wicket until the 36th over.

as it was to Northampton-shire's, Yorkshire are also not out of the league race. Victory moved them into equal third Mysteriously, their proach during the first half of

While the match was not as

vital to the rest of their season

the match suggested no such thing as they conceded their highest total in the league this Frustration set in early after one or two things did not go their way. Blakey, who had to change direction, nearly poached Curran's inside edge off White, but before York-

shire knew it the fielding had

ceded nearly twice as many runs in the second half on the innings as in the first. The chief beneficiary, again, was Curran, who was not only missed badly by Vaughan on 44 but had a three turned into a seven by Stemp's wild throw from the cover boundary that

bisected the two sets of stumps and beat his sprawling colleagues on the leg side. Stemp, in fact, had a night-

mare in the field. His four overs cost 33 runs and his temper frayed from the moment umpire Plews not only rejected a leg-before appeal against Montgomerie but ruled that the ball had been a

Two Sigma 33-footers come within touching distance while rounding a mark during racing yesterday

Pender tightens grip in Sigma class

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NO ONE quite knows why so many Sigma 33s have turned up here at Ford Cork Week some say it is a case of "herd - but the presence of 73 boats has made for one of the best United Kingdom national championships for

The fleet has so far enjoyed almost perfect conditions, with steady breezes out of the southeast, and the crews have indulged in some serious aprés-yachting in the tented village. There is a wide range of racing ability on show, with some crews here chiefly for

After five races of the planned nine, the boats in contention are almost all from the Clyde or the English South Coast, reflecting the eagerly-awaited match-up between the two fleets.

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Joan, owned by the naval architect, Ian Nicolson, from Helensburgh, but helmed by the Sonata class champion. Simon Pender. With two first places, a second, a third and a sixth, Pender is starting to take a hold on the series.

The Largs-based Phoenix, co-owned by John and Hillary Connelly, who have won the Sigma class at the Rover Series at Tarbet for the last two years, is second, with John Nelson's successful Solent-based Shadowfax in

The chasing group includes David Bonner's Sigmatic II. from Warsash, Jeremy Vines in Harmony, from the Hamble, and David Prior-Palmer in Honey of Bosham. Vines, who is sailing with two brothers and one of his sons, believes the racing has been typically tight. "In this fleet, it's incredibly close," he said. "You've only got to sneeze and five boats will go past. You cannot afford mistakes."

In yesterday's first race, the fourth in the series, sailed on a windward-leeward course, it was the class chairman. Jack Kelly, in Moonshine, from Hamble Point, who got away at the start and then led the fleet home to win by nearly

Next to cross the line was St Joan, who had been involved a match-race with Phoenix for most of the way round. The latter eventually finished fifth behind Bobby Napier's Boojum and Gavin Watson's Rupert, who improved from seventh at the second wind-

ward mark. While the Sigmas fought it out on the high seas, the big boats at the regatta were course that took three classes right beside Cork harbour up to Scorpio buoy, just a halfmile down river from the old Royal Cork Yacht Club and opposite the imposing cathedral at Cobh.

At one point on a narrowing

course, there were up to 60 yachts running under spinnaker or beating away from the buoy, led by the Americanowned maxi Sorcery, in a test of nerve as much as racing

On the way through the narrow harbour entrance. crews fought to hold spinnakers on an increasingly tight reach. One of the best performers was the J105 Jee Mags, helmed by Brian Mckee, from Newtownards. One casualty of the regular spinnaker hoists and drops

during the race was a crewman on Joe McCarthy's Davidson one-tonner, Canterbury, who lost the tip of a finger in a winch and was taken to Cork University Hos pital for treatment. The class zero winner on

handicap was the Bashford-Howison 41 Surfing Shoes. The class one winner was the First 42.7 Sarah J, with the Dubois 33 Victric 3, prevailing in class two.

IN BRIEF

Doak steers Ireland to emphatic victory

IRELAND'S cricketers made a nonsense of the seedings for the ICC Trophy next year when they beat their hosts by four wickets at Brondby, in Denmark, on the second day of the European cricket championship (David Townsend writes).

Neil Doak first applied a brake to the Denmark innings, taking four wickets with his off spin, and then steered his side to victory with an unbeaten half-century.

Denmark are seeded in the top four by the ICC for the tournament in Malaysia while Ireland do not even make the top eight, yet the disparity was not apparent as Denmark struggled to a total of 218 for six that always looked to be within Ireland's scope.

In Group A, Holland began their campaign with a comfortable 136-run win over the England NCA team at Copenhagen Ball Club. Holland rattled along to 342 for nine despite a clatter of late wickets, Paul Roshier taking four in four balls, Israel limped to 110 for nine against Scotland who knocked off the runs in only

Pitched in

Baseball: Cal Ripken, holder of the record for the most consecutive Major League appearances, has been moved from his usual position at short stop by his team, the Baltimore Orioles. After 2.216 consecutive appearances at short stop. Ripken played at third base in the 8-6 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Monday and, according to the manager, Davey Johnson, 'made it look easy".

Newport-bound

Rugby union: Newport began their preparations for the new Heineken League season yesterday by making three signings. Vince Davies, the (1) flanker, joined from Cardiff while Lee Jones, a centre. and Chris Crane, a lock forward, signed from Newbridge.

On the mend

van, the wing, could make a surprise return to the St Helens team before the end of the Stones Super League season after an encouraging response to treatment for leg injuries he suffered at Wigan last month.

and Hedges Cup final, Lanca-**Durham savour taste of victory**

By Jack Bailey

HARROGATE (Leicestershire won toss): Durham beat Leicestershire by seven wickets

AUTHOUGH Durham yes-

terday reached the final of the Costcutter Cup by virtue of a resounding victory over Leicestershire in the process gaining their first win of the season over first-class county opposition, it would be unwise for long-suffering supporters to throw their hats too high in the air.
This was not the Leicester-

shire who have done so well in the championship. Too many key players were missing and

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their bowling was dreadfully thin. Such has been Durham's plight, though, that the prospect of lifting the cup today will set nerves jangling. A trophy is a trophy and River-

side is not exactly stiff with

Durham accomplished their task in fine style, limiting Leicestershire to 211 from their 55 overs and knocking off the runs with more than eight overs and seven wickets to spare: but Gloucestershire will be a tougher proposition. Along the way, Sherwin

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M D Moson c Taylor b Curran
M P Vaughan b Taylor
M G Bovan c Balley b Taylor
"D Byas b Taylor
C White o Curran b Emburey
A McGrath bw b Emburey
H J Balley not out
D Gough c Emburey b Capel
P J Haritoy a Taylor b Mallondor
C E W Skorwood not out

EW Saverwood not o draw (fb 5, w 5, nb 6)

for the first wicket in this festival, which goes back 21 years. Having put on 196, they were only 16 runs short of completing a ten-wicket win when Hutton was bowled by a leg break from Clarke. Campbell needed only a single to complete his century when Clarke struck again in the

same over. Collingwood came and went without scoring, but with Millns limiting himself to three overs at the start of the innings and the rest of Leicestershire's attack strictly second string. Durham had no need

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Umpres DR Shephord and JW Holder

Umpres Dir Shepherd and JW Hoder EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group At Copenhagen Bail Club. Holand 372.9 L van Troosi Bi T de Londe Tis not out B Judent Tis A 2.5ft.ps. 35 P Forbara 463. Endand NCA 206.9 (D Cente Te not out Holand wan by 136 num Moger, Israe 150.9, Scotland 111-3 (Philip S) not out Scotland won by seven woisett. Group B Brondby. Dommark 218-8 S Newpon St N Dock 4-40 Johand 222-6 (N Dock 5-1 not out a Durlop St) Instant out 15 Cur workets. Albertstund: Ruly 172. G-bratien 173-4 (N Chrumman St). Gelighter wor in the workets.

G Chappio not out
P J Martin not out
Extras (b) 9, w 3|

T L Penney run out.
S M Pallock net out.
1M Burns low b Yates
O F Brown not out.
Erms (b 4, jb 11, w 3)

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34	SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent Today's hand features a blocking play that was not easy to see at

 -	N		1 NT (13-14)	S
w	-	+K3 +K3 +K3 +K3 +K3 +A03 +K4	-	
		+54 ▼1063		_
Dealer 1	East	Love all		Rubber bridge
the table.			•	•

After doubling East's weak NT, South was more or less obliged to bid Four Hearts when West's pre-emptive Three Spades came back to him. Of course. North could have had a completely useless hand, but in practice it always seems to work out that the dummy will have one or two useful bits and pieces. Anyway, South was Howard Cohen, one of the more optimistic players at TGR's. East's douof Four Hearts was a doubtful action. It certainly gave away the trump position. East took the ace of spades and returned the jack. Now Cohen made the bright move of leading the jack of hearts. East won the queen and tried a low club, which Cohen won

South could pick up East's K85 of hearts if he had two entries to the dummy. So he led a low diamond and when West (an ex-international player) played low, put in the ten. Now declarer was able to bring in the remaining hearts for no loss, to make his

East was quick to notice West's mistake. Have you? West should have played the jack of diamonds on the first round of the suit. Then the blockage in diamonds means there is only one entry to dummy, and East must make a second trump trick.

□ Robert Shechan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SLOYD

a. Head-girl at Headington b. Elementary carpentry c. Tired and emotional

ZUG a. Waterproof leather b. Former king of Albania c Extinct type of bat

Answers on page 46



By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Nine year old wins A potential star has appeared on the British horizon in nine-year-old Teresa Khoo. At the finals of the Rotary Chess Initiative in Nortingham, she annihilated Aaron merscale, inflicting the only defeat on the international mas-ter's during his 34-board simulta-

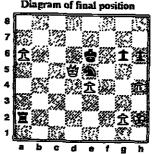
neous display. Khoo's opening was unsophis-ticated but after a couple of inaccuracies by the master, she hroke through with a sacrificial attack and concluded the technical phase with great efficiency. White: Teresa Khoo

Black: Aaron Summerscale Simultaneous Display, July 1996 Caro-Kann Defence

e4 d4 Nc3 Nd7 5 Bd3 Ng3 Nf3 8a3 b3 96 Bg7 Ob6 No5 Nae3 bro3 N3c4 Nx17 Rx17 26 Nd7 27 b4

B×e6 QÆ+ Od6+ Oxc6+ Kc8 Kd8 Ota7 39 a4 40 a5 11 bra5 Qd4 Rc8 Ob ke6 Nve5 Ro1+ Rai Qb7 Black resigns

Diagram of final position



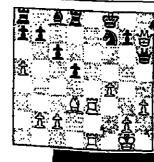
Convincing Korchnoi

Viktor Korchnoi has scored a clear victory in the international tour-nament in Malmo. Sweden. Korchnoi scored 7.5/9 ahead of Britain's Tony Miles in second

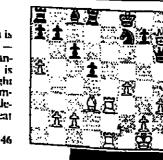
New Times Book

The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from Inter-national Grandmaster Raymond national Grandmaster Kaymono Keenes daily column in *The Times*, and is available now from bookshops or from B. T. Batsford-Ltd (01376-321276) at £6,94+p&p.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.



Solution, page 46



27 b4 28 Nxe5 29 dxc5 30 c4 section on Saturday. with the king. At this point WINNING MOVE By Raymond Keene White to play. This position is THYMOLEPTIC from the game Pingitzer -Jusic, Austria 1992. The dana. Soul or spirit b. Disease of the glands ger signal here for Black is that his king has no flight c. A mathematical puzzle VODUN squares. How can White complete the constriction and dea. A. Dutch cheese liver checkmate with a near b. A fetish c. An artificial language combination?3

Lottery clouds financial outlook

By RICHARD EVANS RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE Chancellor of the Exchequer received a timely reminder of the parlous state of racing and betting industry finances yesterday in the annual report of the Horserace Betting Levy Board laid before Parliament.

The National Lottery is blamed for the levy on horserace betting having fallen to £48 million in 1995-96 — £7 million less than that forecast in October 1994, before the lottery began. The decline in revenue has meant a sum of more than £8 million of the Levy Board's reserves has been used to try to protect funding of racing. Sir John Sparrow, chairman of the Levy Board. said the profit reductions announced in recent months by the big book-

clear that the industry is experiencing, in the effects of the National Lottery, the worst setback in its fortunes since betting shops were legalised in 1960. Betting shops are closing at an unprecedented rate and their number fell from 9,500 to 9,000 during the year, Rodney Brack. the Levy Board's chief executive, said. The gloom has prompted Sir John to

back the expected request

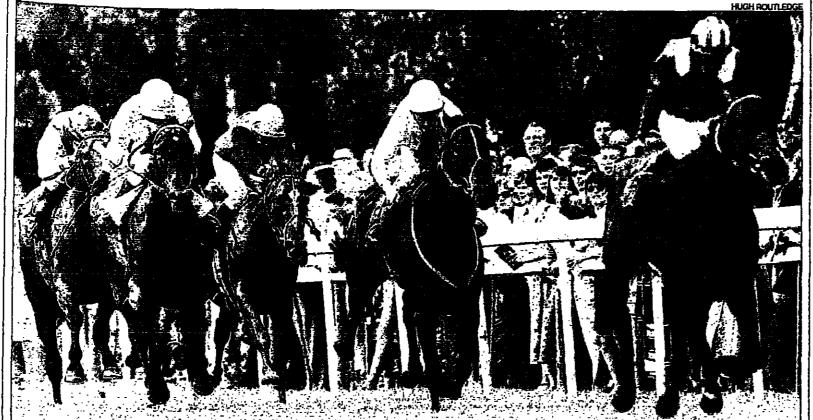
from the British

Horseracing Board for a

makers "have made it

further cut of 1.75 per cent in betting duty. Given the lottery's effect. the annual report of the Tote, also published yesterday, is more encourag-ing. Turnover for the 12 months was a record £304 million. an increase of 12 per cent, and operating profit increased by 1.6 per cent to £10,939,000.

RACING: HANDICAPPER REACTS TO MISTAKE BY IMPOSING HEFTY RATING INCREASES



Fahim makes the most of the handicapper's error of judgment with a decisive victory at the Newmarket July meeting last week

Winners feel weight of authority

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

THERE is consolation in toiling as an official handicapper of racehorses. Others may enjoy a brief titter at your expense but you are assured of the last laugh, as connections of Fahim and Crown Court may be reflecting this morning.

Dominic Gardiner-Hill, the British Horseracing Board (BHB) handicapper, reacted sharply to having underestimated the ability of the two horses. Not so much blots as serious stains on the handicap, they gained runaway victories at Newmarket's July meeting last week. Gardiner-Hill took full account yesterday by raising Fahim and Crown Court to Illb and 14lb higher marks respectively. The two colts earned their

original ratings when finishing first and third in a humble maiden race in June. However, that contest was far removed from the standard fare at Beverley. The runnerup. Shehab, subsequently landed a Sandown claimer by seven lengths and the fourth, Desert Frolic, has since rattled up a five-timer.

There has been abundant sympathy for Gardiner-Hill from racing professionals. "Even Jack Ramsden, who handicaps privately, had some nice words for me." Gardiner-Hill related yesterday. asked him how he would have rated the Beverley race and he told me he would have done exactly the same thing."

Given the good-natured but incessant ribbing. Gardiner-Hill might have been excused for taking a harsher line with

Fahim and Crown Court. "All handicappers have a sense of professional pride about their work," he said. "but even in a situation like this 1 try to remain objective. I believe the horses deserve their rises but 1 can't guarantee that they

RICHARD EVANS Nap: WITHERKAY

(3.05 Sandown Park) Next best: Sous Le Nez (7.30 Doncaster)

won't win again next time. Both are the sort of progressive horses that can give us nightmares." Fortunately, Gardiner-Hill,

32, does not appear to have suffered a crisis of confidence. Having computed privately

for eight years with conspicuous success, he has just completed his third year among a team of young BHB handicappers. "I can tell you I was feeling pretty sick after Crown Court hacked up, but the fact remains that the tipsters were not jumping up and down

"Hindsight has clearly proved me wrong but this is a fresh week," he continued. "I have put it all behind me. It is always difficult when wellbred or expensively bought horses run at the smaller tracks. They can be rated anything between 75 and 105. The irony is that if it had happened at Salisbury on a quiet day, as opposed to Newmarket on a big day, no one would really have noticed. Everyone makes one howling mistake in a season and I

before he ran at Newmarket.

sincerely hope that mine is now done and dusted." Handicapping horses has

the same occupational hazards as working for the Inland Revenue. Never mind overestimates, an accurate assessment is likely to promote shrieks of indignation. Yet any undercooking the goose will be ruthlessly exploited by trainers.

The combined assets of experience and wisdom are no guarantee against infallibility. Even Geoffrey Gibbs, now in his retirement year, believed Luca Cumani had borrowed something from the past when he muttered to Crown Court's trainer: "Glad to see you have not lost your touch." But Fahim's victory 48 hours later emphasised that Beverley had attracted a host of unusually talented runners on June 6.

BRIGHTON 7.15 WHITE HAWK SELLING STAKES SKY (\$2,070: 71 214yd) (8) 1 (ISO) PRINCE RUDOLF 12 (V,C,G) W G M Turner 4-9-5 THUNDERER

THUNDERER 6.15 Corncrake. 6.45 SCHOOL BOY (nap). 7.15 Half An Inch. 7.45 Prince Danzig. 8.15 Frog. 8.45

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 8.15 FROG (nap).

GOING, FIRM DRAW, 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.15 OVINGDEAN MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN

STAKES (2-Y-O tillies: £2.381: 5l 59yd) (4 runners) 5 CORNCRAKE 6 B Meetan 8-11 ... 1054 DOZEN ROSES 19 (8) T Jones 8-11 ... 235 ROYAL EMBLEM 11 A Fezier 8-11 ... 600 SILVER SPELL 7 (V) J Scargel 8-11

6.45 go evening racing with the Daily telegraph maiden handicap (£3.016. 5! 213yd) (6)

6-4 Comerake 7-4 Royal Emblem, 4-1 Dozen Roses 6-1 Silver Spell

1 0362 SCHOOL BDY 6 7 Maughton 3-10-0 D Helland 2 2 066 MEMPHIS BEAU 12 (B) J Tolker 3-9-6 S Sanders 1 3 05 REDSION LADY 13 0 Brownth 3-9-1 Date O'Roell (3) 6 4 4222 FLASSTAFT 30 (N) 6 L Moore 3-9-0 M Roberts 3 5 0-00 DARK MENACE 19 E Wheeler 4-8-10 A Daly (5) 4 6 000- BARONESS BLUDEN 275 D Murroy Smith 3-8-5 N Adams 5 6 000- BARONESS BLUDEN 275 D Murroy Smith 3-8-5 M Adams 5 1 Bottle 1 8-1 Marroy Smith 3-8-1 M Adams 5 1 Bottle 1 8-1 Marroy Smith 3-8-5 M Adams 5 1 Bottle 1 8-1 Marroy Smith 3-8-5 M Adams 5 1 Bottle 1 8-1 Marroy Smith 3-8-5 M Adams 5 1 Bottle 1 8-1 Marroy Smith 3-8-5 M Adams 5 1 Bottle 1 8-1 Marroy Smith 3-8-5 M Adams 5 1 Bottle 1 8-1 Marroy Smith 3-8-5 M Adams 5 1 Bottle 1 8-1 Marroy Smith 3-8-5 M Adams 5 1 Bottle 1 8-1 Marroy Smith 3-8-5 M Adams 5 1 Bottle 1 Bottle 1 8-1 Marroy Smith 3-8-5 M Adams 5 1 Bottle 1 B 5-4 Flagstaff, 6-4 School Boy, 7-1 Redsam Lady, 8-1 Memphis Beau, 16-1 Baroness Bloon, 20-1 Dan Memace

COURSE SPECIALISTS IRANERS: C Benstead, 5 wanters from 13 juniors 38.5%, M Prescott, 16 from 52, 25.9%, If Flower, 7 from 27, 25.9%, J Gualog, 18 from 70, 25.7%, R Alchurst 23 from 91, 25.3%, D Murray-Smith 3 from 14, 21.4%

JOCKEYS: T Quant. 45 wimers from 221 ndes, 20 4%, P McCabe, 6 from 30, 20 0%, S Sanders, 8 from 43, 18 6%, G Dullield, 18 from 98, 18 4%, A Coby, 4 from 27, 14 8%, Dane O'Neall, 5 from 41, 12,2%; M Howy, 3 from 27, 11 1%.

Amenda Sanders (5) 8
2 2294 ROCKY WATERS 11 (F.S) P Bargone 7-9-5 ... P McCabe (3) 7
8 5310 HALF AN NICH 5 (B.D.F) B Meetlan 3-9-2 ... T Cleans 6
1 -505 COVIEN MOON 13 (V.F) D Moons 6-9-0 ... A Eddery (7) 2
6 0-03 CUR LITTLE LADY 16 J Position 4-9-0 ... A Moorts 5
6 0545 PEARL DAWN 1 (F.S) 6 L Moore 6-9-0 ... S Withwords 1
7 -800 EMBRODERED 14 (B) R Flower 3-8-6 6 Paulice (7) 4
8 5533 ALST MILLE 8 (6.F.) [Barks 3-8-6 6 Paulice (7) 4 10-1 Our Little Lady, 12-1 others 7.45 SOUTH DOWNS HANDICAP (£3,529: 1m 3f 196yd) (5)

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1 0014 RISING DOUGH 14 (C.F) G.L. Moore 4-9-11 Dame O'Neill (3) 2

2 346 ST RITA 40 J During 3-9-10

3 1216 CANTON VERTURE 6 (D.B.F.F.G.) S Woods 4-9-5 W Whoods 3

4 1350 FRENCE DANZIG 14 (CD.F.G.) D Morray Smith 5-9-5 Paul Eddlery 4

5 0405 NORSONG 19 (BF.F) R Alexhursi 4-8-5 S Sanders 1

7-4 Rising Dough, 5-2 Prince Danzig, 4-1 Canton Venture, 5-1 St Rita, 6-1 Norsong 8.15 TELSCOMBE CLIFFS HANDICAP SKY (3-Y-0: £2,381: 1m 11 209yd) (6)

5-4 frog. 3-1 Alistars Express, 4-1 Again Together, 6-1 Transe, 8-1 Henry Oss, 16-1 Efficacious

8.45 LEWES RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (£2,381: 5f 59yd) (4) 6-4 Literary Society, 5-2 Likiberta, 11-4 Mininghi-Spell, 6-1 Raed

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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2.00 (1m 100yd) 1, FALCON'S FLAME (F Lynch, 9-2); 21 Guif Of Stam (Marin Dwycr 9-2); 21; Mels Baby (M Herry, 3-1 lav) ALSO RAN 11-2 Lucky Bea, 8 Contract Bodge (6h), 10 Born 46, 80 (5hi), 12 Farriy Sure (4th), 16 Coffage Prince 20 Fissostar, Rhythrus, Ball, 33 Animation, Sizzling Serenade, Totally Different, 50 kudos Blue, 14 ran NR-Respecting 1-1; dd-Ht. 1-ki, -ki, -ki Mrs J Ramsden at Thirst, Tota 53 80, 20 (2h) Carl Of Stam C1 90, Mels Baby £1 40, DF Falcon's Flame, Mels Baby £7, 40 Tho 52 00 CSF Falcon's Flame, Mels Baby 10 (5) Siam £12 90, Falcon's Flame, Mels Baby £9, 50 Thosai Falcon's Flame, Guif Of Sam, Mels Baby £34.22, Falcon's Flame. Mels Baby £34.21, Falcon's Flame. Mels Baby £34.22, Falcon's Flame. Mels Baby £34.21, Falcon's Flame. Mels Baby £34.22, Falcon's Flame. Mels Baby £34.22, Falcon's Flame. Mels Baby £34.22, Falcon's Flame.

Mels Baby, Gulf Of Siam 131.75
2:30 (71 100)vd) 1. CUNCHER CLUB (1 Wilkiams, 4-1) 2. Miss impulse (J Quian, 25-1) 3. Uncle George (P Robinson, 7-2). ALSO RAN 10-11 (av Oberons Boy (Ath), 14 Apartments Abroad (6th), 16 Crystal Fast, 33 inca Brd, Philipem (6th), 50 Insideout 9 ran, 3-4, 2-54, 2-6, is, hird M Johnston at Middleham Tole: £7.90, £180, £4-90, £1 10 DF £19770 Tric: £7.95 60 CSF £77.36 Oberons Boy Insideot third but after a stewards imquiry was placed fourth 3.00 (71 100yd) 1, GREEN BARRIES (M

3.00 (71 100yd) 1, GREEN BARRIES (M. Hills, 4-1); 2, Kirkine (h. Darley, 4-1); 3, Kazimera (Martin Ewyer, 10-1); ALSO (SAN) 5, Jerry Currona (4th), 8 Mybolye (6th), 33 Safio (5th), 6 ran - H., 3-11, 1-15, not 12); M. Johnston at Middleham Totle, 29 of 1-80, 11-80, 11-80 (F-14-8) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deputebon 30p in pound.

bets, deduction 30p in pound.
3.30 (Sh 1, DOUBLE-J (N J O'Connor 7-4 k-tsv), 2 Swino (J Fortune, 11-2), 3 Swiss Coast (F. Falon, 7-4 ji-fav), ALSO RAN-13-2 Al Ava Consonant (6th) Mujova (4th), 10 Compact Disc (5th), 20 Jucy Ting, 7 an Nk, NJ, nk, 2), 33-ji k, McAutille at Lambourn Tote £2.50; £1.50, £2.30 DF £5.40 CSF £1.299.

ES 40 CSF £12 99.
4.00 (2m 35yd) 1, HULLBANK (J Tale. 1)-4 tay), Z Teen Jay (T Wilkams, 5-1); 3, POpule Spring (K Darley, 6-1) ALSO 1 54 7 Atherion Green, 8 AB On (5th), 10 Bourdoner, Royal Crous, 12 Yam Prince (6th), 16 Longcroft (4th), 25 Tanyer, 50 Island Cascade, 11 tan, 31, 14, 15, 13, 14 W Haigh at Matten Tole £3-00, £1 70, £1 90, £2 50. DF: £8.60, The £14.00 CSF £16.27, Forast, £715.59

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Express (8th), 20 Aquado (8th), Mir-Antik, Time To Fly, 25 Branslon Kristy, Chrishan Pight, First Option, Prime Property, 20 can. Shd, W., W. II., nk, M Dods at Darlington Toler 23 50; £1 40, £1 90, £2 90, £2 40. DF: £9 40 Trio £42.10. CSF £21.32. Tricast £200.67 Tricast £200.67
Jackpott £7.101.00 (0.50 winning tickets; pool of £5.000.72 carried forward to Sandown Park today).
Placapott £15.80. Quadpott £2.90.

Brighton Going: firm, watered last 6/ 2.15 (5/ 213yd) 1, Song Mist (7 Quinn, 10-11 fav); 2, Am Seven (2-1); 3, Besconscol (11-2), 5 ran 1/4, 5/ P Cole. Tole: \$1,70, \$1 10, \$1 30 DF \$2.20 CSF. \$2.98

12.96
2.45 (6f 209vdl 1, Barnwood Crackers (Pat Eddery, 3-1); 2, Spondulacks (9-2); 3, Surprise Event (11-4 lav) 7 ran Sh hd. 1'4i. N Callaghan. Tole 12.90; 12.20, 12.20 DF: 128.40, CSF 11.5.3 After a stewards inquery, result plood
3.15 (6f 209vdl 1, Culmae (6 Duffield, 8-1); 2, Atlantic Slorm (9-4); 3, Anak-Ku (6-1) Darmond Beach 5-6 (av 5 ran XI, sh hd M Prescott Tole 19.30, 123.40, 13.30 DF: 18.70 CSF 125.04 3.45 (7) 214yd) 1, Night Wink (8 Whitworth, 16-1); 2 Fort Knox (12-1); 3. Confronter (7-2) Gleelest 10-11 lav. 6 ran. NRT Toujours Reverta. 1/4, 1/4 6 L Moore Tote: £1370; £5.40, £2.90. DF: £35.60. CSF: £139.02.

4.15 (1m 3) 196yd) 1, Greenwich Again (Pat Eddory, 9-1), 2, General Moukler (2-1 lav), 3, Perfect Giff (9-4), 5 ran, 4l, nk, T Mills Tote: £6 70, £2.20, £1.20, DF: £3 60 CSF £25.98.

4.45 (8) 209yd) 1, Crystal Heights (S Sanders 7-1): 2, Gentle korry (4-1), 3, toory's Grab Hire (9-1) Perious Pight 3-1 sav. 10 ran NIP Audrey Graces 1 lst, 1 lst R O'Sultwan, Tote: 680: 67 70, 12,30, 62.50 DF 622 70, Tric: 636.00, CSF 634.31, Tricast: 6242.88. Placepot: £1,244.20. Quadpot: £509.00.

> Monday's late details

Windsor

3, killation (4-1), 10 ran, 1), 1% R Hannon, Tota: £2.30; £1 10, £3 50, £1 30 DF, £22 40 Trio: £26.10, CSF: £33.85, 222 40 Trior 226.10. CSF: £33.85.
7.30 (fm 27 Ycl) 1, Double Bluff (Martin Dwyer, 7-1): 2. Special Dawn (4-1): 3, Rokaby Bowl (11-1), Froedom Flame 11-8 tax. 7 ran. NR: Danegold 2, 244, 1 Batding, Tote 5:89. C2-20. £2 80. DF. £12.00. CSF £32 48. Tricast. £277.19.
8.00 (fm 67yd) 1, Rubblyyeti (8 Doyle, 16-1): 2, Budby (4-1 lav): 3, Bakers Daughter (14-1): 41. Ernily-Mou (5-1): 41 Rainbows Rhapsody (10-1) 16 ran. 194. 194 C Brittan. Tote: £28.00: £4.80, £7.80, £2.90. Emily-Mou 59.00. £4.80, £7.80, £2.90. Emily-Mou 59.00. Rainbows Rhapsody £1.50 DF. £57.80 Trio. £297.70. CSF. £79.94 Tricast £888 78.
8.30 (fm 27 Yvd) 1, Unitus (J Reid, 6-4 8.30' (1m 21 7yd) 1, Unitus (J Reid, 6-4 lav); 2, See Of Stone (9-4); 3, Uyswan (25-1) 12 ran, 5l, Xl, M Stoole Tote 63 30; 61-40, 61 20, 63 80, 0F-63 50, Tro. 528 50, CSF-65.70. 9.00 (SF 10/d) 1, Boweliffe Grange (J Quinn, 4-1 [k-lav]; 2, The Institute Boy (10-1); 3, Osciliofris Gitt (33-1). Delirob 4-1 (k-lav 14 ran. 4, M. D Chapman Tote 56 00; 22.20, 53.70, 217 30, 07 532.20. This: 1532 90. CSF: £44 10 Tricast £1, 101 08.

Placepot: £51.90. Quedpot: £42.80. Wolverhampton 8.45 (6) 1, Dayville (T Sprake, 5-2 (av); 2. Mudtap (3-1); 3, The Wyandotte Im (9-1). 8 ran. 6i, nk. R Charlion, Tole. £2.60; £1.20. £1.90, £2.20 DF: £3.90. CSF: £10.09.

7.15 (1m 8! 166yd) 1, Los Alamos (0 McKeown, 4-5 tav); 2, Ballos (3-1); 3, Sister Kt (8-1), 5 ran. 3, 13t. C Thomton Tota: £1.70; £1.30, £1.80. DF- £1.60. CSF-£3.70.

7.45 (5.1) 1, Need You Badly (W Woods, 8-1), 2, Licc (5-1); 3, Monis (10-1), Napler Star 7-2 (av. 11 ran. 11, 141 S Woods Tote: £8.00; £2.10, £2.10, £2.10, £3.10, DF: £17.60, Timo £83.60, CSF; £44.69. 17 ott 110 zas.ov. CSF: \$44.09.

8,15 (1m 11 79yd) 1, Halebid (W Woods, 13-2); 2, Gittbox (2-1 fay); 3, Headhyards Lady (10-1). 12 ren. Hd, 11/4. S Woods Tolo: £10.50; £3.10, £2.10, £2.40 DF: 17.40, Trac: £79.90 CSF: £21.35 Tricest £131.71.

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8.45 (71) 1, Our Kevin (D R McCabe. 5-4 tav); 2. Bail-Pet (33-1); 3. Soviet Lady (6-1). 7 ran. ½I, nk. K McAulitle. Totar £2 00. £120. £8.40. DF: £32 70. CSF-£30. 15. After a stewards' inquiry. result stood. Bought in 7.200 gna.

9.15 (1m 4)) 1. Newbridge Boy (D R McCabe, 7-2), 2. Moonralding (3-1 lav), 3. Pleasureland (10-1). 10 ran. Nk, 91 M Magagher Totar £3 70; £2 00, £1 60, £2 80. DF: £10.20. This: £30.00 CSF: £14 65. Tricast £91.00. Placepoi: £29.00. Quedigit: £17.10.

DONCASTER

6.30 Sambac. 7.00 Bowcliffe Grange. 7.30 Martine 8.00 Ret Frem. 8.30 Phantom Quest. 9.00 Strategic Ploy. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 7.00 BOWCLIFFE GRANGE.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 6.30 Sambac. 8.30

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-1M STRAIGHT, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.30 SCANIA 4-SERIES HORSEPOWER CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,402: 6f) (3 runners)

7.00 shadwell stud apprentice series handicap (£3,160: 51) (8)

1 (5) 4101 NMETY-RNE 14 (D.S.) J. Fizgusald 4-9-11 . . . P. Roberts 96
2 (5) 0626 CAPTAIN CARAT 8 (C.D.F.G) Mrs J. Ramaden 5-9-10 Claim West (5) 92 **
3 (2) 5221 SILK COTTAGE 9 (V.D.G) R Whitzker 4-9-5 (Fex) Predenticts (5) 91
4 (7) 1301 BOWCLIFTE GRANGE 2 (B.D.F.) D Crapman 4-9-9 (Fex) (Fixed (5) 93 ABLE SHERIFT 28 (B.D.BF.F) M W Extenty 4-8-8 G Parton 94 5 (3) P35 ABLE SHERIFF 26 (B,D,BF,F) M W Extently 4-8-8 G Parlon 94
6 (8) -050 CHRISTIAN FLIGHT 1 (B,F) 5 6offings 7-8-2 F Lynch 91
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9.00 SCANIA 4-SERIES KING OF THE ROAD FILLIES TROPHY HANDICAP (£3,348; 1m 4f) (9)

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REDUCE THUNDERER

2.15 Forest Fantasy. 2.50 Bag And A Bit. 3.20 Merrily. 3.50 Salska. 4.25 Double Up. 4.55

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2.15 LANGBAURGH HANDICAP (£3,196: 1m 3f) (11 runners) 7-2 Stearlectife, 5-1 Augusten, 6-1 Silvertiale Knight, Hawkish, 8-1 Almunteraru, Never So True, Islay Brows, 10-1 others.

2.50 SOUTH SHIELDS CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,868: 6f) (15)

11-4 The Was, 3-1 No Monkey Nuc., 7-1 Dreams And Schemes, 10-1 Forecast, Bag And A Bat. Margone Rose, 12-1 April's Joy. 14-1 others.

3.20 ANDERSONS HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,815: 6f) (6)

3.50 RED CROSS HANDICAP (£3,218: 1m 6! 19yd) (10)

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4,25 YORKSHIRE-TYNE TEES TELEVISION HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £3,332: 1m 2f) (11)

4.55 SIMONSIDE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,805: 5f) (10)

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JOCKEYS: K Darloy, 57 winners from 275 rides, 20.9%, W Ryan, 16 from 78, 20.5%; P Robinson, 5 from 31, 16.1%; K Fallon, 21 from 136, 15.4%, R Hills, 10 from 75, 13.3%; J Carroll, 14 from 117, 12.0%

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GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

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3.05 COMPUTER TIMEFORM HANDICAP (£4,202; 1m 2f 7yd) (10 runners)

BETTING: 3-1 Misser O'Grady, 4-1 Witherlay, 5-1 Runic Symbol, 7-1 Premier Lusque, 8-1 Autemn Cover, 10-1 Harvey White, Mentalasarythia, 12-1 others.

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4.40 SURREY RACING HANDICAP

(£3,469; 51 6yd) (12 numers)

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O'Neill banned

DANE O'NEILL was sus-pended for two days (July 25 and 26) for careless riding on Spondulicks, the short head second to Barnwood Crackers in the Steine Claiming Stakes at Brighton yesterday. The stewards found that his mount had interfered with the third. Surprise Event.



British ready to stick out in the crowd Making money

from Atlanta on

the hockey teams

aiming to enhance

an impressive record

IF YOU were caught by the mood of Euro 96 and by England's performances, if you were lifted by the march of Tim Henman at Wimbledon. then be ready to shout for the Great Britain Olympic hockey teams, men and women, each with medal chances. While some individual ath-

letes are able to run and jump with the prospect of personal financial fortunes, hockey still represents the old-fashioned amateur ethic of Olympic competition: the dignity tion, the possibility of honour and glory. Both British teams begin their pool matches this weekend, both against South Korea: the women on Saturday, the men on Sunday.

incentive. The German manager of a four-star resort hotel in Tobago anxiously won-dered what he might be facing when the men's team checked in two weeks ago, for time-zone and temperature acclimatisation-before arrival here. Would there be similar furniture adjustment to that experienced by Cathay Pacific from the England footballers?

So mutually agreeable, however, did the visit prove to be that the manager has invited the squad, and their families, to return for a fortnight at his expense, should they win a medal in the Games. In an amateur sport, such 'an offer is unimaginable.

There is little appreciation back home of the world ranking of Britain's men, who, since the amalgamation of the home countries for Olympic competition after the Second World War, have won a silver medal in 1948, bronze in 1952 and 1984, were fourth in 1956 and 1960, won the gold medal in Seoul and in Barcelona were sixth; the position in which they are now ranked after the World

Cup in 1994. "I'd like to know any other sport that has stayed in the top six." Russell Garcia, the said at a team reception yesterday. "We don't have the spectators and the sponsors [of other sports], so we've lost the media attention since Seoul, but we're still there close to the top."

In a gruelling preparatory programme since the beginning of May, the team has played 20 matches, winning nine, drawing one and losing ten; the defeats were all at the hands of its main Olympic rivals, Australia, South Korea. Malaysia and Holland. who are in their preliminary pool of six, and Germany and



The Great Britain men's team in Atlanta will be striving to emulate the success of the 1988 side, above, which struck gold in Seoul

Pakistan, who are in the other pool. The top two from each qualify for the semi-finals.

Three tours were packed into seven weeks, interspersed with rigorous humidity training in special rubber wet suits that raise the body temperature and water loss to levels that will be encountered in Georgia's stultifying summer

The wet suits, which the England rugby squad used in preparation for the World Cup in South Africa last year and which make you look like a commando from a James Bond film, produce extreme conditions that can be dangerous. Inevitably, the stress of match-play took their toll. The squad was immensely fit but was losing too often.

"Our form was indifferent. because of fatigue and from playing the top teams so much," David Whittle, the team manager, said. Whittle. who was a player for 30 years and then manager of Havant. is a more humorous and less overtly confident personality than Roger Self, the successful manager in 1988. Whittle is optimistic that a recent relaxing spell, free of stick-work training, has enabled the squad to return to a mental

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peak. "I think their resilience has carried them through a tough period," he said. "The programme was demanding. so we curtailed the training to

ease the fatigue." Nor does there seem to be any fall-out from the sudden resignation in May of David Whitaker, the longstanding coach from the Seoul campaign, who was brillant when

An ankle injury has forced Robert Thompson, the centre forward, to withdraw from the Great Britain hockey team. He has been replaced by Jason Lee, of Old team, was injured during a training match.

present but increasingly found that his work enforced his absence. Jon Copp, a master at Marlborough College and the former assistant to Whitaker, became head coach without discernible ripples.

The question now is not so much whether the team is mentally ready than whether it can score sufficient goals not to be over-dependent on Calum Giles, the "rolling substitute" now permitted by regulations to come on specifically to take the strike on short corners. No one has succeeded Sean Kerly, with his 65 goals in 99 internationals.

"We've got to be more bloody-minded in the circle." Garcia said. He is semiprofessional, having moved to Barcelona as a player-coach. The other team [in Seoul] had more self-belief. Maybe we underestimate ourselves. We've had some feedback that our rivals think we're better than we do ourselves. Certainly, we're playing some good stuff." Let us hope so. Britain. and the Koreans, who won the last encounter between the sides 2-0 on May 9, will find

The women, who won the bronze medal in Barcelona. are in a single group of eight, playing in a round-robin, the top two going direct to the final. The women's game has been an Olympic event only since 1980. Spain, Germany and Britain are the probable best from Europe, but Australia. Argentina and South Korea will take some stopping. Britain will be leaning on the experience of Karen Brown, Jill Adkins and Jane Sixsmith, all with over 100 caps, while another five will be making

Athletes find no fun and games on arrival

FROM CRAIG LORD IN ATLANTA

THE cheating has begun at the Centennial Games in Atlanta. Drugs? Vote-rigging in the gym? False entry times? No - queue-jumping was the sport, the culprits among the hopping mad who had arrived in Georgia to find the southern state unprepared for its busiest day so far.

There will be no punishment for the guilty among the 3,000 or so arrivals who road rage. They had, after all, suffered enough, many having travelled halfway around the world only to find the biggest human traffic jam of their lives — a four-hour passage from arrivals hall to accreditation, followed by a three-hour tour of discovery in coaches. drivers from out of town.

If things were bad for Claudia Poll, the swimmer from Costa Rica ranked No 2 in the world at 200 metres and 400 metres freestyle, who fell asleep in the accreditation hall at the airport like a stranded holiday-maker, then spare a thought for the fighters from Papua New Guinea. They had set out on a world tour about 40 hours before, arriving in Georgia from Port Moresby via Cairns, Brisbane, Sydney, Fiji. Hawaii and Los Angeles. to be greeted by a smiling volunteer who handed them a ticket like those you see at the cheese counter in supermarkets. The number of their accreditation pass was an ominous 666. The number on

the scorehoard read 57. Duncan Lange, coach to Danyon Loader, the butterfly and distance freestyle swimmer from New Zealand, was encouraged to jump the queue another volunteer, who found some smaller inumbered) tickets". "Thank God for that," Lange said, "I though we might miss the heats on Saturday at this rate. It's a shambles. The athletes should never have to queue like this with officials, media

not quite the game it seemed SIMON BARNES

kinda cute little badges. Five rings, like the Olympic rings, right, only onion rings, geddit? And the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games

You might think that the Olympic rings are a symbol of international amity, or just great sport, but we are talking logo here. A lot of people have paid a lot of money to carry the rings on their products and these five onion rings represented something they call "ambush marketing".

The Varsity, under duress got rid of its unsold onionring badges; they can still sell badges that show chilli dogs and fries. This is, of course, an Olympic morality play.
As I write these words from

Atlanta, the home of a rather famous sticky brown drink, one with non-onion, non-parasitised Olympic rings all over its cans, the air is heavy with money. Yet there is also a cloud hanging over the city — a literal cloud that masks the tips of the loftier buildings and a similar, invisible cloud of embarrasment

It is accepted wisdom that the English are equivocal about money — snobbishly embarrassed, hypocritically avaricious — while Americans are contemptibly voracious but refreshingly free from double standards. No longer. The United States goes into the biggest, brashest and richest Olympic Games in history in an uncharacteristic mood of head-in-hands agonising

"Is anyone worth \$112 million?" the newspaper USA Today asks on its lead story. as it greets the anouncement that Alonzo Mourning has been offered that sum to play basketball for seven years for Miami Heat. Hell, that ain't so much. Shaquille O'Neal will, unlike Mourning, be strutting his stuff for the Dream Team, the bunch of multimillionaires who make up the United States basketball team. He is likely to be offered \$115 million over sev-O'Neal is probably the richest Olympian in Atlanta.

Now, you can make a decent case for these people, saving that they earn their money by honest sweat and genuine excellence, and they are worth rather more to you and me than the czars of business who routinely award themselves head-spinning bonuses; but athletes are public figures, playing kid's games for a fortune, and the United States is filled with a sudden embarrassment about them. Especially as these Games



Atlanta sketch

glossiness and a glamour that we have not seen before.

Two new sports make this plain. Beach volleyball, with its "lifestyle" associations, and its game-within-a-game — the tackiest sunglasses competition - is a marketing dream. Note also the odd inclusion of mountain biking as an Olympic sport. Bikes are consumer durables and another window of opportunity for the smart entrepreneur.

Everywhere during the phoney war before the Games begin, we see a celebration of the new, the glossy and the slick - the latest craze and the dollars to make from it - and yet, right on the verge of the opening ceremony, there is a yearning for something else. No. not for the hypocrisy of 'amateurism", but at least for a freedom from money and the guilts and envies that pervade the stuff.

y information pack from the British Olympic Association bears a picture of a man with snow-white hair and a truly wonderful black moustache. He has a sword in his gauntieted right hand and, in his left, the reins of a plunging horses. The horse is going crazy, but Baron Pierre de Coubertin (for it is he) still looks cool.

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This, of course, was the founder of the modern Games, which began a centuprogramme of the Centennial Games in Atlanta and you can still find de Coubertin's favourite event, hanging on by its fingernails. It has been revamped and shortened, but remains unwatachable. nonsensical, un-telly-friendly and absolutely vital.

This is the modern pentathlon, ride-shoot-fence-swimrun, a mad romantic dream of a mad romantic baron. Mike Gostigian, the leading pentathlete in the United States. earned \$24,000 last year. Is he the most important American

their second Olympic outing. and God knows who." aiready have a slickness, a at the Games? Graf accepts medical advice to withdraw



Graf: knee injury

STEFFI GRAF, the Wimbledon champion, has pulled out of the German team because of a knee injury. A medical examination has revealed a ligament problem and Graf's doctor has advised her to take a break of several weeks from training and competitive tennis or risk the

condition becoming chronic. Graf took part in the Los Angeles Olympic Games in 1984, when tennis was a demonstration sport, won in Secul in 1988 and took the silver medal in Barcelona four years ago, when she was beaten by Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, her opponent in the Wimbledon final earlier this month. She was shortlisted for the honour of carrying the German flag at the opening ceremony on Friday, recog-nition of her achievement in winning 20 grand slam titles, only four less than the record-holder. Margaret Court, of Australia.

Germany's Olympic long jump cham-pion, Heike Drechsler, denied yesterday that she had withdrawn from the Games. saying she hoped to recover from a knee injury in time to defend her title. Drechsler, 31, says she will give herself until July 28 to decide whether to compete. "If I can jump 6.80 to 6.90 metres in practice, I will go to Atlanta," she told a radio station in Germany.

Drechsler tore a knee ligament in May. The injury healed, but the adjacent muscle is not yet at full strength. I will not go to Atlanta as a tourist," the athlete from the former East Germany said. "If I go. I want to fight for medals.

Against the wishes of Israel, the first Palestinian team in Olympic history will

International Olympic Committee (IOC) has rejected a request by Israel's Government to block the use of the designation. Israel contends the name improperly introduces politics into the Games.

The Palestinian Olympic Committee was recognised by the IOC in 1993. "The designation of Palestine is perfectly consistent with the designation used by the United Nations," the IOC directorgeneral, Francois Carrard, said. "That's our position and we stand by that position. We do not want to enter into any kind of political issue.

The IOC has also rejected a request from Eritrea, the only member of the United Nations outside the Olympic movement, to send two cyclists to compete

FOOTBALL

Lee demands talks on shares sell-off

BY DAVID MADDOCK

PETER CHANCE, who out-FRANCIS LEE, the Manchester City chairman, has de-manded that a secretive that a secretive potential investor in the club must reveal his identity before he will agree to further negotiations over a potential sale of

he had been approached through a third party with

detailed negotiations with any potential investor to identify is being made."

tracted signing of Karel Poborsky, the Czech Republic midfield player, failed yesterday when Slavia Prague demanded an increased fee for the player. Maurice Watkins, the United legal director, had agreed a £3.5 million fee over the weekend, but Slavia appear to have gone back on

at agreement, Jim Smith, the Derby County manager, has continued his preparations for the club's rst season in the FA Carling Premiership by signing Chris-tian Dailly from Dundee United. Derby have paid an initial £500,000 for the Scotland Under-21 midfield player, who was out of contract at Tannadice.

Gracme Souness, the new Southampion manager, is poised to make Eyal Berkovitz, the 1877 midfick) player, his first signing.

SQUASH

Russell eyes last four after defeat of Amjad

FROM COLIN MCQUILLAN IN CAIRO

JOHN RUSSELL shed his usual coloured headscarf to get past Paul Peters, of Austraia. in the third round of the world junior men's championship here and yesterday he added his eye-protecting gog-gles to the scrapheap before unexpectedly squeezing past Amjad Khan, of Pakistan, to reach today's quarter-finals.

"I don't know what else I can shed to get to the semi-finals." Russell, 16, from New Eltham in South London, said after recovering from 2-1 and 7-2 down in the fourth game to beat Amjad, the No 5 seed and

Asian junior champion, 9-7, 5-. 5-9, 10-9. 9-7 in 80 minutes. "It was the choke of the championship by Amjad," David Pearson, the England coach, said. "John looked dead and buried at 2-7 with Amjad cruising the court and hitting wonderful winners from the

back corners." Then Amjad hit a cross-court drop into the tin after Russell had ripped off his goggles and flung them over the back wall. Astonishingly. Amjad then slipped from a fluid performance that had caused observers to begin reassessing his chances of taking the title to a hesitancy that produced seven unforced

errors in eight rallies. "He suddenly became tired and nervous," Russell said, "I slowed the game down and floated the ball a bit to his back hand and he sturted hitting the tin. In the fifth, I did the same thing and was 84 up in no time." The result means that Pakistan have failed to get a player into the individual quarter-final for the first time since the event began 16 years ago.

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RIFLE SHOOTING

McAllister leaves little to Chance

pointed the top long-range marksmen at Bisley on Monday, came close to winning the match riffe championship yesterday, scoring 965.94 for sixth place (our rifle shooting

correspondent writes).

Jim McAllister, of the National Rifle Club of Scotland and a top-liner for many years, took the Hopton Challenge Cup with 971 points out of a possible 1,025, with 105 shots over the four days in the loin-diameter V-buil. He was two points in front of John Powell, of Sussex, with Nick

Tremlett, of Windsor, third. Chance won the Ogden Cup for the top tyro in the championship and also track the Fremantie Challenge Bowl for the 1,200-yard aggregate, two points ahead of Powell and Clint Dahlstrom, of Canada.

shares. Lee revealed yesterday that

proposals for a significant investment from Middle Eastern sources. However, after initial discussions with the intermediary, Lee has called a halt to talks until he is provided with further information. Lee said: "As a public company, the club has an obligation before entering into

on whose behalf the approach Manchester United's at-

tempts to complete the pro-

GOLF: POPULAR ITALIAN HAS LONG BEEN WINNING FRIENDS: NOW HE WINS TOURNAMENTS TOO

Sunny Rocca is shining bright at last

THERE are those who make things happen and others to whom things happen. For a long time, Costantino Rocca could be neatly slotted into the second part of the equation. No more. Rocca is a man who smiles a lot and these days he has a good deal to smile about.

Fifteen years ago. Rocca could only have fantasised about the things he has gone on to achieve - two Ryder Cup appearances with a hole in one in the second of then), a Volvo PGA Championship. forcing the Open Championship into a play-off, winning more than £2 million in prizemoney. The average worker in a polystyrene box factory in northern Italy, as he once was. might earn two million lire in a couple of months, but sterling? A pipedream, no more.

For Rocca, it is a dream that came to pass. Today, he has risen above his modest beginenings to become one of the sest-known characters in golf, a player blessed with a sunny disposition, a text-book technique and, increasingly, a hardened temperament

It is this last element in his make-up that was the slowest to develop. He is still not without temperamental flaws - who is? - but an iron will behind the cheerful disposition has become an intrinsic part of his character.

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Charles on the

He was accused, slightly understandably but also grossly unfairly, of choking when he lost to Davis Love III by one hole in the 1993 Ryder Cup after being one up with two to play. He hit a dreadful. hacker's fluff of a chip from the Valley of Sin on the 72nd hole when chasing John Daly in last year's Open at St Andrews, then handsomely redeemed himself by holing a 40-foot putt that was far more difficult than the chip that had preceded it. Forget for a moment that he then lost the playoff; here, on the 18th hole at the



Rocca, right, shares a joke with Norman as they pass on the 16th tee during practice for the Open at Royal Lytham St Annes yesterday

choker and steel-braced hero in the space of two minutes. He holed in one in the Saturday morning foursomes

at the Ryder Cup two months later to set up a 6 and 5 victory with Sam Torrance over Love and Jeff Maggert, It was a triumphant moment that was overlaid by potential calamity when Torrance lifted his partner off his feet with an enormous bear-hug. Torrance's propensity for picking up bizarre injuries might just as easily have resulted in the fracture of ribs, or toes, for hugger, or huggee, or both.

However, it was not until he beat Nick Faldo to win the Volvo PGA Championship at Wentworth in May by birdying the last two holes in the final round that he finally shook off his reputation. These days Rocca enjoys a

handsome lifestyle and a hero's status in his home town of Bergamo — when the Italian Open was held there in May, was more like Rocca's personal party than a golf tournament. He goes into this Open Championship as an acknowledged contender, but observing him in practice yesterday it was obvious that,

avid Feherty might

not have won any-

thing since the Ma-

drid Open in 1992, but at least

putter that won five times in

1995 and he intends the rela tionship to be a close and

"I'm calling her Betty

Boru," Feherty revealed after

their fourth date together, in a

practice round at Royal

Lytham and St Annes yester-

day. Those whose film view-

ing was no more up to date

than Casablanca were suit-

ably baffled, but the reference

is to Caddyshack, which fea-

tured a professional who spent a lot of time sweet-

talking his putter in an effort

wife, Anita — they married on May 31 — but the putter.

482 in tall and donated by its

previous careful owner, Sam

Torrance - who had three

tournament victories with it

and used it as a member of the

bag." However, Titleist had

Newell's Old Boys 1 Racing Club 0; Colon 2 Banfield 0; San Lorenzo 1 Belgrano 0.

HANG GLIDING

POITIERS, France: American Cup; 1. Great Britain 6.284pts; 2, France 6,161; 3. Switzerland 5,479; 4, Australia 4,738

MOTOR RACING

TORONTO: Toronto Indycar Grand Prisc 1. A Fernandsz (Mex, Lolai S0laps fav speed 97.598mph), 2. A Zanardi (f. Reynardi; 3. B Rahai (US, Lola) all same lap Championship positions: 1. J Vasser (US) 107pts. 2. A Unser Jr (US) 99; 3, G da Ferran (Br) 92.

RIFLE SHOOTING

Feherty's new love is his

to hole more putts.

career had stalled.

the Uisterman now has

lasting one.

his own terms, not those that require grim-faced singlemindedness and a personality subsumed by the demands of

He is still open and friendly. for example answering a "Ciao" from an Italian spectator on the 16th with a "Ciao" of his own, a wave and a smile. He also signed autographs by if he is a threat whenever he the dozen — it is, incidentally, plays nowadays, it remains on a signature that is bold.

sweeping and exuberant, writ-ten con brio.

The reception he was accorded was not unlike that for Severiano Ballesteros from golf lovers all over the world. Once there was Arnie's Army, then Seve's Squadron. Rocca has not yet quite assembled a Regiment, but he does, beyond question, have Costa's Com-

such as Arnold Paimer and

CYCLING

Riis climbs to within reach of final victory

By PETER BRYAN

THE contest for supremacy in the Tour de France veered dramatically away from the route that had been mapped out in advance by the scriptwriters yesterday. In his mountain domain, Miguel Indurain, the five-times winner from Spain, was expected to wrest the yellow jersey from Bjarne Riis, the upstart pretender to his crown. Instead, the Danish champion scored a quick knockout on the final, murderous climb of the sixteenth stage at Lourdes-Hautacam, 1,560 metres above sea level.

It made for a forgettable 32nd birthday for Indurain, bidding at last to make his mark on the Tour after a disappointing formight that started with him as odds-on favourite to extend his run of victories to six. Riis not only increased his lead over Indurain - who finished the day 7min 10sec down overall and dropped to tenth - but he also sent a signal to others bold enough to covet the race leader's maillot jaune when the Tour ends in Paris on

Sunday. There was nothing complicated about the manner in which Riis made his intention clear. He won the 199kilometre stage from Agen to Lourdes-Hautacam in the Pyrenees going clear before the final kilometres of a cruel climb with such ease that he appeared to be riding downhill. Indurain and a handful of others were left floundering as the big Dane went into overdrive on the demanding 13kilometre ascent that took him to the top of a world where thousands of spectators lined

the road. Sweat ran off his chin like a dripping tap and he frequently came out of the saddle to "dance" on the pedals to give him extra impetus, all the time drawing away from any challenge that remained behind.

Riis, who finished third last year, had taken the overall lead after the ninth stage when the Tour crossed the Alps a week earlier at Sestrieres. Indurain had been hoping to make up enough time to give him the overall lead today at the end of another Pyreneen stage that will take him past his family farm in Villava, six kilometres from the finish at

Pamplona, in Spain. Today will be a big test of Riis's ability to recover from the demands he made on his body yesterday. The stage will involve a succession of climbs. the most difficult of which, the Lariau, rises to 1,573 metres.

Riis will need all the support of his German Telekom team to keep him in contention, but, after the stage win yesterday, his confidence was soaring. "I think that today's stage was the key to winning the Tour. although there could still be many dangers ahead," he said. "I am speechless and so delighted that I won. I said I would and I have kept my

promise. Spanish police detonated a homb yesterday in Pamplona on the eve of the Tour's arrival there. There had been an anonymous warning about the device, which was in a rubbish bin outside a bank. The Basque separatist group, Eta, had threatened to disrupt the Tour, but Indurain told Spanish television at the start of the race that he was not worried about attacks because organisers had tried to respect Basque sensibilities.

Faldo gets pursuit of fourth Open title off to early start

By JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

ship of the year, then you had better get up early. Faldo, the Masters champion and threetimes Open champion, hits his opening shot in the 125th Open at 7.33am tomorrow in the company of Robert Allenby. from Australia, and Fuzzy Zoeller, of the United States. Zoeller, one of the game's quickest players, may chafe at

Great Britain and Iteland unless stated 7.00am tomorrow and 11.46am Friday, M Machande, A Langenaeten (Bel), R

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7.11 and 11.37: P Lawne, J Inverto (St). 6
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7.33 and 12.19: N Falcto, R Altenby (Aus.) F
Zoeller (US)
7.44 and 12.30: R McFarlane, B Hughes
(Aus.) W Maylar (US)
7.55, and 12.41: F Couples (US) M
McCumber (US), P Hairington
8 08 and 12.52: L Westwood, S.Jones (US),
W Rivey (AUS.)
8.17 and 13.08: M James, P O'Malley
(Aus.) T Tolks (US)

6.17 and 13.05; N danies, F C makey (Aust, T Toles (US) 8.28 and 13.14; J Pamerik (Swe), R Charles (NZ), P Jacobsen (US) 8.39 and 13.25; B Langar (Garl, Tikire (US),

8 SQ and 13.38; H Tanake (Japan), S Ballesteros (Sp.) J Maggeri (US) 9.01 and 13.47; 8 Faxon (US), D Frosi (SA).

(Aus), H Clark 9.34 and 14.20; M O'Meara (US), T Lehman (US), A Forsbrand (Swel 9.45 and 14.31; L Roberts (US), G Turner (US), S Torance

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10.18 and 15.04; M A Jiménez (Sp., A Johnstone (Zim), J Stuman (US)
10.29 and 15.15; P Broadhurs, D Borrego (Sp.) D Love III (US)
10.40 and 15.28; R Drummond, S Field, M Welch

Walch 10.51 and 15.37; R Chapman, R Lee, H

Meshrai (Japan) 11.02 and 15.48; I Steel F Tamaud (Fr), 8

McColl 5.59, D Smyth, A Lebouc (Fr), A Mechack (Swe) 11.24 and 16.10; G Emerson, *S Alian (Aus), M Lifton 11.35 and 16.21; E Darcy, S Murphy (US), A Sherborre

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IF YOU want to see Nick times during the first two wood. As he searches desper-Faldo begin his attempt to win rounds, because Faldo can be ately for omens that may his second major champion- slow. They go out again at inspire him to a third Open 12.19pm on Friday

When he won the 1988 Open here. Severiano Ballesteros had an early tee-time in his first round. He was as sharp as a tack that damp day, starting birdie, birdie, birdie. He went on to record a 67, including two penalty strokes and, incidentally, using every

club in the bag except his four-TEE-OFF TIMES

> 11.46 and 7.00; R Boxell, T Price (Aus), S Lufia (Spain) 11.57 and 7.11; D Duval (US), W Austin (US), B Lane 12.08 and 7,22; J Leonard (US), B Ogle (Aus) P McGinley 12.19 and 7.33: S Simpson (US). S Elkington (Aus). S Cage 12.30 and 7.44: E Romero (Arg). L Janzen (US), C Rocca (It) 12 41 and 7.55; " W Bladon, A Oldcom, B 12.52 and B.06; J Daly (US), P Mickelson (US), S Higashi (Japan) 13.03 and 8.17, M Jonzon (Swe), R Tway (US), S Ames (Trin) 13.14 and 8.28; M Calcavecchia (US), C Strange (US), P-U Johansson (Swe) 13.25 and 8.39; G Brand & S Maruyama

(Japan), J Nickaus (US) 13.36 and 8.50: V Singh (Fiji), M Fany (Fr). J Furyl (US) 13.47 and 9.01: T Henon (US), M McNulty (Zim), A Cejka (Ger) 13.58 and 9.12: A Collari, F Nobilo (NZ), M

13.38 and 9.72 A County, The South County, The Brooks (US)
14.08 and 9.23: P Hedblom (Swe), E Els (SA), C Sadler (US)
14.20 and 9.34: C Parry (Aus), A Lyle, P Acinger (US)
14.31 and 9.45: D Clarke, R Goosan (SA),
T Woods (US)
14.42 and 9.58: B Crenshaw (US), N Price (Zm), P Watton (Zim), P Walton
14.53 and 10.07: J Robson. *S Garcia
(Sp), F Hamilton (US)
15.04 and 10.18: G Player (SA), C Pavin
(US), I Woosnam
15.15 and 10.29: P Milchell, M Campbell
(NZ), R Mcdiale (US)
15.26 and 10.40: C Mason. T Bjorn (Den).
S Bottomley
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Trinsing (Den). F Fukunaga (Japan)
16.10 and 11.24: D J Russell. D Hospital
(Sp), G Brown
16.21 and 11.35: K Eriksson (Swe). M
Halberg (Swe). J Townsend (US)

victory at Lytham, Ballesteros may be cheered by the fact that he is off early again this year - at 8.50am, in the company of Jeff Maggert and

Hidemichi Tanaka. Jack Nicklaus has never been very taken by late starting times. "What do you do all day?" he has asked. His starting times this year should be to his satisfaction. Playing with Gordon Brand Jr and Shigeki Maruyuma, he is off at 1.25pm tomorrow and 8.39am on Friday.

Some mischievous hand was at work with the trio teeing off at 12.41pm on Thursday. Warren Bladon, the Amateur Champion, used to be bar and cellar manager at a pub in Learnington, Andrew Oldcorn has precisely the sort of friendly face you hope to find standing next to you at a bar while Brian Barnes, the third member of the group, has

turned teetotal. Jim Payne, who won the silver medal for being leading amateur in the 1991 Open and is the Italian Open champion. plays with Steve Stricker, the young American who has made such an impression this season. Greg Norman is the third man in the group that starts at 9.56am.

John Daly, the defending champion, Phil Mickelson and Satoshi Higashi are in the group going out at 12.52pm, just behind Bladon, Oldcorn and Barnes, while Steve Jones, the US Open champion, tees off at 8.06am with Lee Westwood and Wayne Riley, immediately after Fred Couples. Mark McCumber and

Padraig Harrington.

Feherty qualified success Patricia Davies hears

Sweeping change brings

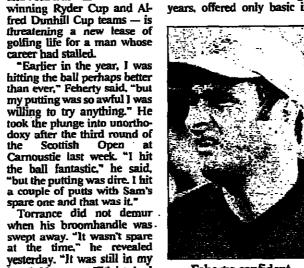
how the Ulsterman was converted to the

broomhandle putter a week before the Open

just made him one that was very much to his liking, so he let the old one go. For the first time this year, Feherty felt at ease on the

greens and he proved it was not a delusion when he led the Open qualifiers at Formby on Monday, alongside Tim Herron, of the United States. Instead of seeing every hole as a potential bogey opportunity. at best. Feherty started feeling confident and at last birdies were no longer rarities rattled in by others. "I don't know what the reason is." the bornagain putter confessed, "and I hope I never find out."

Torrance, who has been a broomhandle user for eight years, offered only basic in-



Feherty: confident

struction. "He knows what to

iley, an instinctive

He is in his element here, practising with his friends. making cracks, hurling in-sults, but his ambitions for the week are deceptively modest. "I just want to make some putts." he said. "I'm not proud. This is my favourite tournament."

9-4, Razik bi Yik 9-3, 9-6, 9-7; Bosweli bi Husseln 9-4, 9-6, 9-2; Shabana bi Shuja 9-5, 9-6, 9-4

TENNIS

do," the Scot said. "The main thing is that the putter has to hang straight down." Both are terday they were in a group that would have made the purists wince, for only one player used a putter of normal length. Robert Lee was the croucher, while Wayne Riley. the combative Australian. likes to get his putting off his chest, as it were.

showman, rolled home a 25-footer at the last to win the money yesterday. He forbore to crow, but his walk to the hole was a series of rooster-like struts and nobody in the stands failed to catch his drift. "We always lose when we're not playing for too much," Feherty smiled from beneath a haircut so severe it might have been a criminal offence. "It'll be different when we raise the stakes."

Torrance concurred. "This is the best tournament in the world. It's the biggest event a human being can play in. I've played in all four majors now and this is the Open. You never get anything like that last hole at the Masters or the US Open. The grandstands are just awesome. At St Andrews last year, I was in tears leaving the 1st tee, but just imagine coming up the last fairway leading the Open ...

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Los Angeles 1 San Diego 0 (ten innings).

BOWLS

ENGLISH BOWLING ASSOCIATION TOP FOUR CHAMPIONSHIP: Regional play-offs: Finals: Group one: Northumberland bt Lanceshire: 19-17: (at Middlestrough). Group two: Esses in Horthamptonshire 22-16: (ar Cambridge Chasterion) Group three, Buckinghamstare bt Fent 21-20 (at Wealdstone) Group lour: Glourestershire bt Contwell 23-16 (at Clevedon)

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CANDRINDOD WELLS: Junior women's name international series: Scotland by England 89-86. Wales bt Ireland 94-68, England bt Wales 96-72; Scotland bt Ireland 120-52. Wales bt Scotland 81-66. England bt Ireland 101-61.

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of two): Southill Park, Bedfordshire 200-6 and 301-3 (C k Bullen 128 not on W Larkins 69, P D R Hoare 56 not out; Northall 227-6 and 275 (C J Rogers 104, S C

Goldsmith 61) Norioli (21pts) br Bedfordsmire (5) by Inte wickels Trumo: Dorset 277-8 and 201-5 (J. J. E. Hardy 86 not out, 6 D. Reynolds 56). Comwall 173 and 191-5 (M. P. Bries 65). S. M. Williams. 55). Comwall (4) draw with Dorset (7). Brookhampton: Williams 223-5 and 270 (D. A. Whater 83). P. Styme 4-37). Herelandshire 264-5 and 230-9 (R. Tumet 7-111). Herelandshire (22) boat Williams 229-3 and 95 (A. J. Murphy 4-36). Cheshire 229-7 and 99-2 (J. D. Bean 54 not out). Cheshire 219-7 and 99-2 (J. D. Bean 54 not out). Cheshire 219-7 and 99-2 (J. D. Bean 54 not out). Cheshire 219-6 (Grantherm: Lincolinshire 204-9 and 27-1. Cumberland 209-6.

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SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of three): Bristol: Gloucastershire 300-6 (N J Tranor 121 not out, M J Cawdron 49) y Middlesser Halesowert. Hampshire 423-9dec (W S Kendell 100, R J Botham 64, M Mira 4-85, D A Leatherdale 3-60) Worzester 4-85, D A Leatherdale 3-60) Worzester 4-86, D A Leatherdale 3-60) Worzester 5-80-60, A Tranoga 100, A Twing 82, D Stevens 373. M Suttilf 52) Warnindeshire 38-5 (S J Stevens 20) Warnindeshire 38-5 (S J Stevens 20) D Reactiffe 4-14) Surrey 63-3. Swarmsed Defryshire 364-14) Surrey 63-6 (P C Hollowsy 131 not out, K A Parsons 69) Kent 31-1. Trent Bridge: Norunghamshire 416-8 (C M Tolley 114, M P Dowman 108, G F Archer 56: J Boting 4-91) y Durham. Weillingborough School: Susser 218 (N C Philips 83) Northermotonshire 55-3

CYCLING

TOUR DE FRANCE; Sixteenth stage

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73, 3, Legistic 134 Teaths 1, Moutain 222rr 41mn 42sec, 2, Festine at 20sec, 3, Telekom 53, Today: Seventaenth stage (Argelés Gezost to Pempkona, 262km). ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Girmasia ARGENTIMAN LEAGUE: Garmass A Esgrima de la Pala 4 Rosario Central 0, Argentinos Juniors 0 Veloz Sarsheld 0; Larurs 1 Estudiantes de la Pala 0, Patense 7 Gimmesa do July 0; Independente 1 Huracan 4; Boca Juniors 4 Riger Plate 1.

BISLEY: NRA imperial meeting: Hopton Challenge Cup (overall champoration): 1. JMcAlistar (NRCS) 971 105ps; 2. J Powell Sussen 989.98; 3. N Tremiert (Windsor) 988.105. Ogden Cup (Top tyro): P Chance (Club XXV) 965 94. Albert Bowl (1,000)d. 1,100yd and 1,200yd): 1. W Meeting (NRCS) 214.17; 2. T Rylands (Menchestri) 21022; 3. S Collings (Windsor) 20924 Fremantie Trophy (1,200yd aggregate): 1, Chance 253,21; 2. Powell 251,20, 3. C Dahtstrom (Con) 251,19. F W Jones Cup (Teams of four, 1,000yd and 1,200yd): 1, Blues and Purples 555,57; 2. English VIII Occasionals 555,51; 3. NRCS/Alpha 541,46. Pive Nations Trophy (Teams of four; 1,100yd and 1,200yd): 1, Ireland 708,48; 2, England 693,37; 3, Scotland 687,48.

RUGBY UNION STUDENT WORLD CUP: Semi-final: France 31 Argentina 19 (in Johannesburg) SPEEDWAY

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Dream of impossible treble lingers on



If Severiano Ballesteros wins at Royal Lytham and St Annes, he will join Harry Vardon as the only golfer to win three Open Championships at the same venue since 1872. John Hopkins believes that there is more hope than expectation of the Spaniard triumphing again this week

f man has seven ages, then Severiano Ballesteros eems to have had 14. Two of the greatest occurred at Royal Lytham and St Annes when he won the Open Championships of 1979 and 1988. Now, in July 1996, Ballesteros is in his last age as a profes-sional golfer. He hopes for one final hurrah at Lytham. Form and reason, however, suggest that he has no chance.

Nobody who Ballesteros in 1979 can forget him for the sheer sense of enjoyment that he created. It was as infectious as Asian flu. He was on a crusade and swept up everyone with his joyous enthusiasm. No windmill was too big for him to tilt his lance at it. The man closest to him at that time remembers it all as if it were yesterday.

"He did not care what the hell he had done with the ball so long as he could find it and hit it with a good whack," Dave Musgrove, his caddie, recalled this week. "He never wasted any time wondering about what he had done with his swing. All that mattered was what he was going to do with his next shot.

"It was great fun really.
Often he ran after it. I couldn't keep up with him. It was impossible. He'd get to the ball, look around for me and hen I arrived he'd say 'where you been? It is most important that you keep up.' I'd just laugh. Well, you had to laugh didn't you, otherwise you'd go barmy in this game."

Age withers everyone and everything — and not even Ballesteros, who may be one of the few golfers to have been

EXPERIENCE could provide the key for Britain's challenge

in the world championships in

Scotland next month (Mike

Rosewell writes). Eight of the

ten boats that will form Brit-



Sergio Garcia, the young Spaniard, watches yesterday as Ballesteros re-enacts the chip at the 18th that sealed his win in 1988. Photographs: Ian Stewart

spared its scything qualities. This week, he appears almost a shadow of his former self. His face is fuller, his eyes darker, his voice quieter. He resembles a man who has witnessed a series of accidents. He will never be as he was in

"When I watch film of the 1979 Open, I see if I can pick up any details," Ballesteros said in a muted voice that was perfectly in keeping with his sombre, almost sad, present demeanour. "I am not doing it to see if I can inspire myself. am proud to see what I did before. I am sad that I can't be vouthful for ever, but nobody can do that. Everybody is going to die. That is the only anything about it."

Yet there would be no more popular champion this year than the 39-year-old Spaniard. To win again would be a thrill that is difficult to describe," Ballesteros said. "Yes. I can win once more. I am sure I can. To do it would

ROWING

Britain banks on experience

from August 5 to 11 have been

announced and all bar two

boast previous internationals.

men's eight, winners of the

gold medal at the world cham-

The British lightweight

gifted with real genius is be fantastic. My boys have not seen me win." He stopped as if remembering that, in June, Tom Watson won for the first time for nine years and it was the first time his son, Michael,

board, including four medal-

winners. Two of them. Chris

Bates and Carl Smith, hold 15

world championship medals between them, including six

Alison Brownless and Jane

Hall, distraught after missing

Olympic qualification in the

lightweight double sculls,

have returned to their more familiar rowing discipline in a

Sue Appelboom missed a

world lightweight medal by

one place in 1995, due more to

the wash from a television

launch than her own short-

comings. She plans to put the

record straight this year and

Tony James, her coach, said:

that she cannot beat."

lightweight coxless pair.

had seen him in victory. On present form, Balles-

teros has no more chance of winning than seven-eighths of the field — and that may be being optimistic. He has played ten events in Europe and his best result is twelfth. A brief foray to the United States resulted in his withdrawing



'Please win, Severiano" read the banner in 1988 and Ballesteros obliged. Can he do so again?

from The Players' Championship with a bad back and when he finished 43rd in the Masters, it was only the second time he had beaten the cut this year. The very warmth of his brothers in support of him, so obvious in 1979 and 1988, has diminished, too.

Furthermore, the technical deficiencies that have dogged his career still remain. Though to the inexperienced eye Ballesteros's swing is a thing of rhythm and beauty, to the expert it starts with too much weight on the left foot that leads, as it almost always does, to a reverse pivot and his clubhead is closed at the top of the backswing. It is easier for Ballesteros to shape a shot from the fairway or the rough drive far and straight down a fairway.

No one inspires such loyalty, such impossible dreams, so many moments when reality is replaced by fantasy as Ballesteros, unless it was Arnold Palmer being urged on by Americans when it was

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clear that his time had long since gone. From the tee and fairway, Ballesteros is not as he was, but the magic he was always able to summon up on and around the greens still remains. There is always a chance that he will chip in, hole some putts or send his ball spinning into the hole from a bunker. This is what won him his two Opens here and this part of his play could be the foundations from which to launch one last hurrah this

Much has been made this week of the flag hanging from the window of a house by the lst green that urged Balles-teros on in 1988. Severiano, gana por favor it read, the message etched in white letters a blood red sheet. It is there again this year, a visual reminder to one of the game's greatest talents.

So, however, is another sign that reads "For Sale". The owners of this house have decided to move on, just as it appears has Ballesteros's singular talent.

RADIO CHOICE

Naturally, it's back to Eden

Wolf howls are the last sounds we hear in Richard Mabey's Wolf howls are the last sounds we hear in Richard Mabey's investigation into our resurgent interest in the world's wild places. It's a sound designed to appeal to the romantic in us, though the romantic is not what this documentary is really about. There is nowhere on Earth that is free of human influence. For every ecological expert who argues tonight for the wolf and the bear to be introduced to what used to be wilderness, there's another who puts in a priority claim for the beaver because at least the heaver does not extract the search of a priority claim for the beaver, because at least the beaver does not eat people. The argument I like best in Second Chance is that man, obsessed by the idea that everything must have an aim and function, should stop imposing his own views on nature and allow it to take its

The Curiosity Cabinet. Radio 4, 2pm.

Not many radio dramatists have mastered the art of keeping two plots on the boil at the same time. Judging by the first two episodes I have heard of this three-part serial, Catherine Czerkawska is one of that select band. It is fascinating to hear how she uses the special opportunities which radio offers to flit to and fro between the 17th and 7th catherine connected by two young 20th centuries. The two time zones are connected by two young widows, two widowers, two bereaved sons, a remote Hebridean island, and the embroidered casket which gives the serial its title. All the performances match the writing.

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TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross 10.00 Scott Chis holm 1.00pm Anna Reebum 3.00 Tommy Boyd 5.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Sports Zone 10.00 James Whale 1.00em Ian Collins

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CLASSIC FM

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VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Mark Forrest 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Horne 7.00 Paul Coyle (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Janey Lee Grace 2.00am Randal Lee Rose

6.00am On Air. Includes Vivaldi, Beethoven (Piano Sonata in F minor, Op 57, Appassionata); Thomas (Pale et blonde, Hamlet); Rimsky-Korsakov

(Fantare: La Péri) 10.01 Artist of the Week: Robert Lloyd, bass, Purcel (Come ye sons of art away, Birthday Ode for Queen Mary, excerpts) 10.12 Tartini (Cello Concerto in D); (Cantilena): Respighi (Adagio con variazione) 11.95 Ravel (Introduction and Allegro); Christopher Leedham (Clarinet Quartet), Sibelius (Intermezzo: Ballade, Karelie

Suite): Mozart (O, Isis und Osiri, Mozart (o. iss uro Osiris, Die Zauberflöte) 12.00 Composer of the Week: Haydn 1.00 Merchester Summer Recitals, Leon McCawley

piano. Mozart (Sonata m C K330), Schumann

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2.00 Midweek Choice. Includes
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No 2): Bruch (Adagio on
Celtic Themes, Op 56).

Stanford (Irish Rhapsody No 2); Reicha (Clarinet Quintet in

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 5.15 In Tune. Poulenc (Sonata for piano duet): Wagner (Overlure Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg): Bach (Motet: Singet dem Heirm. BWV 225)
 7.30 Cheltenham Festival 1996. BBC Symphony Orchestra under Richard Hickox. With Paul Säverthorne, viola Recorded at Cheltenham Town Hall on Sunday. Town Hall on Sunday. Rachmaninov (The Isle of the Dead): Michael Berkeley (Viala Concerto); Rachmaninov (Symphony No 2 in E minor

9.30 1996 Reith Lectures: The Language Web, with Pro-lessor Jean Allchroon (3/5) (r) 10.00 Voices. The birst of two programmes, from the Queen's Hall in Edinburgh, to mark the bicentenary of Robert Burns who died in

1796
10.45 Night Waves: Fifty Futures
11.30 Composers of the Week:
The English Medingalists (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes
1.00 Through the Night

pionships in 1994 and silver ain's senior team in the event

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 42

(b) A system of manual instruction or training in elementary woodwork, etc., originally developed and taught in Sweden. From the Swedish word slöjd, corresponding to English word sleight. "In Sweden 'slojd', or elementary woodwork, is taught with considerable success to children."

(a) The name for a variety of waterproofed leather esp.for the uppers of climbing boots. "The manufacture of 'zug' is an entirely new process. The leather will not burn like ordinary leather, and the fibre cannot be destroyed even by boiling.

(a) Soul or spirit. From the Greek thūmós soul or spirit - lépsis grabbing hold of. Otherwise called psychic energizers, one of two classes of psychotherapeutic drugs, the other one being tranquillizers. (b) A fetish, one connected with the snake-worship and other rites practised first in Dahomey, then introduced by slaves esp. to Haiti and Louisiana. From Danh, a snake, and Hweh, a residence.

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on course for Bedford

MIKE RAYER, the full back capped 21 times by Wales, will resume talks with Bedford this weekend after differences over his proposed transfer have been resolved (David Hands writes). It is understood that a fee has been agreed between Cardiff and Bedford for his services.

"Mike is free to go with our thanks for all he has done for Cardiff," Gareth Davies, the club's chief executive, said yesterday. Rayer is now due to discuss terms with Bedford and hopes to sign a three-year contract with the club, whose playing side is now run by Geoff Cooke and Paul Turner. Cooke, the former England team manager, and Turner

I have not seen any light-weight in Europe this year that she cannot beat."

TEAM: Men. Cased Four. Bow. M. Johnson (Notic County). 2 M. McCurler. Notic County). 3 M. McCurler. Notic County). 3 M. McCurler. Notic County). 5 M. McCurler. Notic County). 5 M. McCurler. Notic County). 5 M. McCurler. Notic County). 6 M. McCurler. Notic County). 6 M. McCurler. Notic County). 6 M. McCurler. Notic County). 7 M. McCurler. Notice County. 6 J. Williamson (London). 7 Med (London). 8 J. McCurler. Notice. M. Louzes (Notic County). 6 J. Williamson (London). 2 C Leonard (Notic County). 6 J. Notice (London). 2 C Leonard (Notice). Stroke. M. Louzes (Notice County). 6 J. S. Mhleden (London). 5 C Leonard (Notice). S Forbes (London). 5 C Leonard (Notice). S Forbes (London). 5 C Leonard (Notice). S Forbes (London). 5 C London. 12 M. McCurler. (London). 12 M. McCurler. (London). 12 M. McCurler. McCu have impressed Bedford with their fresh approach, which has already attracted Paddy Johns, the Ireland forward. "While the saga was dragging on, I did have offers from some clubs closer to home," Rayer said, "but now I am committed to Bedford."

Swansea hope to be strengthened by Stuart Evans and Paul Moriarty, former internationals with rugby league experience. Evans, 33, played for Grenoble while pursuing a lengthy legal wrangle to return to rugby union in Wales: Moriarty has been a prominent member of

Rayer back Richmond's grand

ambition grows By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

WHILE Rugby Football Union (RFU) officials considcred the date of their next meeting with their opposite

numbers from Scotland, Ireland and Wales, the sport could almost claim business as usual yesterday -- the announcement of a national training squad and yet another million-pound sponsorship deal. The RFU has only two choices: to maintain the status quo defiantly over its contro-

versial brandcasting agreement with satellite television, which threatens to remove England from the five nations' championship, or to resume negotiations with its former home-unions partners. Richmond have been more

active than anyone in the transfer market this year after the acquisition of new wealth from Ashley Levett, a millionaire businessman. Now they also have an agreement worth £1.3 million with Oracle Cor-poration UK Ltd, the information management company.

The deal is for three years and will facilitate the development of the Athletic Ground and the school of excellence for youth to which Richmond are committed. The club has also added another player to its books in Steve Cottrell, the New Zealand-born centre,

who captained Cambridge University last scason.

Ben Clarke, the Richmond No 8, is one of 43 players Abbey on July 24 in preparation for England's international programme next season -however it may be shaped. England have internationals before Christmas against Italy and Argentina, a meeting with the New Zealand Barbarians and a clutter of A internationals in the late autumn.

Seasoned players such as Will Carling, Rory Underwood and Dean Richards have been omitted so that several newcomers can be

Several newcomers can be accommodated.
ENGLAND TRANSING SOUAD: Backs, M Catt (Bath), T Silmpson (Mowcasto), J Skightholme (Bath), J Naylor (Ortolli, A Adebayo (Bath), T - Underwood (Nowasto), D Linger (Hartoquary, P de Glanville (Bath), W Groenwood (Locuclov), N Greenstock (Waspa), A Bigh (Nowasto), D Hopker (Waspa), P Grayson (Northampton), A King (Waspa), P Grayson (Northampton), A King (Waspa), P Grayson (Northampton), A King (Waspa), P Grayson (Northampton), H Gaswadt (Northampton), H Gaswadt (Northampton), Grayson (Bath), M Regan (Bristol), H Cockerly (Bath), M Regan (Bristol), H Cockerly (Bath), M Regan (Bristol), M Goderty (Both), J Fowler (Sick), S Show (Bristol), M Bayfeld (Northampton), T Redber (Northampton), L Dellagillo (Waspa), M Cony (Maspa), M Collegillo (Waspa), S Cilyrone (Maspa), S Ojomoh (Bath), G Dawe (Both), A Robitson (Bath), J Glassot (Bath), V Utogu (Bath), G Dawe (Both), A Robitson (Bath), I Indewood (Lacoston), D Richards (Lacoston), W Certing (Harloquins)

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first of a new serior, opposing tAPs set abide their differences to attempt to find solutions in the national

9.00 Costing the Earth
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Innocent viewer serves too long a sentence

sand. A futile gesture, I realise — any minute now an arty camera operator will come along, hire a wind machine and film my line being slowly filled by scudding grains of sand. Nothing like a bit of scudding to pad out a documentary, is there?

But then I shall draw my line again and absolutely insist: no more long documentaries. In the past week we have endured Gordonstoun (two hours ten minutes), Arena: Stories My Country Told Me (three hours, 30 minutes) and last night's True Stories (two hours and 25 minutes). Plans to watch a cherished video-tape of Hoop Dreams (three hours of basketball) have been placed on indefinite hold. Life is too short.

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Olga Budashevska and Kevin Sim. directors of True Stories: Crime of the Wolf (Channel 4) had set out to make a work of art rather than a documentary. You could tel!

that from the frequency with born of a Korean mother and a which snow scudded across the Chechen father, whose life of crime frozen steppes. What they actually delivered was a series of undeniably striking cinematic images, which collectively, however, hecame pastiche. This was a shame, because it was clear that a huge amount of work had gone into making it.

Abandoning everything that smacked of documentary convention, the pair ambitiously adopted the complex narrative structure of the epic Russian novel. They succeeded - after half an hour I still had only the vaguest idea of what was going on. An elderly woman approached (very slowly, of course) a plump gentleman sitting on a park-bench. "Hello... Leonid ... Gregorovitch ... " Oh, get on with it.

Slowly (and unless you were there you have no idea how slowly) things became a link clearer. This was the story of Sergei Maduey,

began at the age of five and which led directly to the Crosses Prison in St Petersburg. He faced charges of murder, "handitism" and numerous counts of armed robbery.

ut it was also the story of B Natasha Vorontsova, the lawyer who fell in love with Maduev while she was preparing the case against him and who eventually smuggled in a gun to help him escape. The escape failed, Maduev was beaten to a pulp by the prison guards and Vorontsova was sentenced to serve seven years behind thick spectacles in a women's penal colony.

By now we had seen enough of Maduev to realise that, as well as good cheek-bones, he did have a certain arrogant charm. Or rather I think we had. The problem was that for long periods it was unclear what we watching. Were these the REVIEW



characters themselves or actors? Was the action contemporaneous or re-created? I have no idea and the subtitles gave no clue.

Blame for much of the longwindedness must lie with Leonid Proschkin, a man born with a gift for melodrama and a tendency to talk to himself on slow-moving trains. "I am senior investigator of very special cases under the prosecutor general of Russia," he anwas also the man who fatefully recruited Vorontsova to this team: The fact that she turned out to be a criminal and a traitor was a terrible shock."

Proschkin's wife apparently thought her husband had also fallen a little in love with Maduey. So too had Budashevska and Sim in two hours and 25 minutes his victims barely got a look in while he banged eloquently on about being born "with fear in his soul" or the fact that he had "never been in love with any woman for more than five minutes". When the death sentence was eventually confirmed, I, too felt regret - but for the two hours and 25 minutes

There was more artful scudding and this time) in Dawn to Dusk (BBC1), which was something of a turn-up as the film was only halfan-hour long anyway. What was

that I would not be seeing again.

innovative, dawn-to-dusk, one-location format had been abandoned, Instead, Jonathan Scott had come up with the less than novel idea of flying around Namibia in a private plane for four days in search of photogenic wildlife. Doing an Attenborough, I think it's called.

That remains a good plan, however, is recruiting local wildlife experts to act as guides. Of the four we met last night, my favourite was Juliana Ziegler, a game young Ger-man who thought nothing of diving headlong into the hot sands of the Namib desert to catch a beetle and even less of pursuing a side-winding adder armed only with ... a soup-ladle. "What happens if you get bitten?" asked Scott.

nounced, as the train rattled over a even more of a surprise was that, came to an enjoyable close with a counle of dozen sets of points. He after only two programmes, the ferocious display of name-dropping from Stacey Tasker, deputy governor of Maidstone prison. The Birmingham Six. one of the Guildford Four, the Cambridge rapist, Jeremy Bamber, Dennis Nilsen ... she'd known them all. "I went to Madame Tussaud's recently and the Chamber of Horrors was full of people I knew."

The regime at Maidstone will have appeared too liberal for some (one in-mate had actually ragrolled his cell, while others attacked the tabloid press from the safety of their exercise bikes) and Tasker was adamant that she would resign if hanging was ever brought back. But we were left in no doubt that she knew how to get tough. With an imperious flourish of her pen. Black Forest gateau (with cream!) was removed from the Christmas Day menu.

Finally. Law Women (BBCI) • Lynne Truss is on holiday

6.00am Business Breakfast (65-33) . 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceetar) (36494) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax)

9.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (r) (3) (6602475) 9,50 Living Dangerously: The Queensland Strangler (r) (Ceelas) (s) (7186386) 10.20 FiLM: Murder Most Foul (1964) starring Margaret Rutherford as amateur sleuth Miss Marple, who is obliged to take to the

man accused of fulling his landlady Directed by George Pollock (22648659 12.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (2383475) 12.05pm The Noble Guide (r) (2748833) 12.35 Neighbours (Ceelax) (s) (9867611) 1.00 News & Weather (Ceelax) (32663)

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1.30 Regional News and Weather (12485611) 1.40 Lovejoy(r) (Ceefax) (s) (16360678) 3.20 Perry Mason (Ceefax) (1740104) 4.50

Knots Landing (r) (s) (8953611) 5.35 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (367920) 6.00 News & Weather (Ceefax) (475)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (727) 7.00 Small Talk. Ronnie Corbett introduces the quiz show where adults must unravel the minds of nine children and discover who knows best (Ceefax) (s) (6272)

7.30 Mastermind from the Heritage Centre and Silk Museum in Macclesfield (Ceetax) (s) (611) 8.00 Jobs for the Girls: The Pauline and

Linda Show at Crufts. Pauline Quirke learning how to handle two Old English Sheepdogs for a top breeder in the world's premier dog show (r) (Ceetax) (s) ; 3.40 Points of View. In a specially extended

programme, the BBC's new chairman. Sir Christopher Bland, is in the hot seat to answer viewers' questions on what he intends to do at the BBC (Ceefax) (s)

9,00 News; Regional News; Weather (Ceefax) (5765)

9.30 Inside Story: Stalking the Stalkers, in the irrst in a new series there is an exclusive profile of the Los Angeles Police department's "Stalking Squad" (Ceefax) (s) (216982) 10.20 FILM: Frankie and Johnny (1991) waitress, Frankie (Pteiffer) and former

starring Al Pacino and Michelle Pteiffer. Romantic tale about the down-at-heel convict cook Johnny (Pacino), who is Descrite their initial differences Johnny's sliver-tongued courtship gradually melts Frankie's icy exterior Based on an award-winning play by Terrence McNally. Directed by Garry Marshall (Ceelax) (s)

12.15 FILM: What Changed Charley Farth-ing? (1974) With Hayley Mills, Lionel Jeffries, Warren Mitchell and Doug McLure. A womaniser feels the need to escape from a troubled banana republic and plans to pilot a boat out of its harbour Directed by Sidney Hayers (908578)

1.55am Weather (5766925)

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BBC2

6.00am Open University: Fibonacci Numbers (6965475) 6.25 The Fires of Life (6944982) 6.50 The Leathart Collection (8499291) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (Ceetax) (4138530) 7.30 Smurts' Adventures (9183678) 7.55 Activ-8 (r) (5906017) 8.20 Mr Benn (6327659) 8.40 The Record (6870543) 9.05 The Great

Depression (6958320) 10.00 Playdays (5473982) 10.20 Man in a Suitcase (7791843) 11.10 The Addams Family (4810901) 11.35 Great Crimes and Trials of the 20th Century (3694494) 12.05 The Phil Silvers Show

(b/w) (r)(7211017) 12.30pm Working Lunch (22104) 1.00 Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams 1.15 A-Z of Food 1.25 Wear It Well (72004833) 1.25 Wear It Well (76261098) 1.40 The Oprah Winfrey Show (Ceefax) (2393253) 2.20 I'm Still a Tourist (38476307) 2.30 The Time of Pier (9482415) 3.00 News (9375630) Westminster with Nick Ross ax) (6262524) 3.55 News (2813524)

4.00 Cartoon (7469562) 4.05 The Family Ness (7468833) 4.10 Run the Risk (5883678) 4.30 Cartoon Critters (524) 5.00 Newsround (Ceeiax) (8746727) 5.10 Earthfasts (r) (Ceefax) (7105982) 5.35 The Sky at Night (523659)

5.55 FILM: Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves (1944) with Maria Montez and Jon Hall. Lavish Arabian nights fantasy set in and around Baghdad. Directed by Arthur 7.20 Golf: The Open. Steve Ryder presents a

preview of the 125th Open (331814) 8.00 School: Take Three Boys. Behind the scenes at Francis Combe School in Watford. This programme toflows three boys with different backgrounds and interests as they get to grips with a new school (Ceelax) (s) (3562)

-8.30 Wild Harvest with Nick Nairm: The Highlands. Nick searches for wild mushrooms, goes grouse-shooting on the Strathspev estate and gathers honey for a traditional cranachan (Ceefax) (9369)



Jonathan Edwards (9.00pm)

9.00 Leap of Falth. This documentary charts the preparations of Jonathan Edwards for the Olympics in Atlanta. World champion. world record holder and BBC Soorts Personality of 1995, triple-jumper Edwards reflects on his life as a Christian as the cameras tollow him through winter training (s) (661494)

9.40 Dance: Enter Achilles.
Dance company DVB in an Italia prizewinning performance (502291) 10.30 Newsnight (Ceelax) (612562)

11.15 Murder One (r) (Ceelax) (406098) 12.05am The Midnight Hour (9040079) 12.30-6.00 The Learning Zone

CHOICE

Survival Special: Mountain Gorilla - A Shattered Kingdom ITV, S.00pm

Bruce Davidson's documentary started as a celebration of the African mountain gorilla and turned into something darker. Davidson has been filming gorillas in the Virungs National Park in Zaire for eight years. Much of the footage comes from the early part of the period and follows four brother gorillas as they mourn the death of their father and go about their business of eating (an activity which takes up one third of their day), mating and surviving. Then the civil war in Rwanda sends hundreds of thousands of refugees across the border to settle in camps on the edge of the park. The gorillas' forest habitat is plundered by the refugees for firewood and opened up to poachers. After a decade with no killings, eight gorillas are killed in one year. Among them, poignantly, are the stars of Davidson's film.

Ellen: Shake, Rattle and Rubble Channel 4, 9.00pm

The American comedian Ellen DeGeneres has the best smile on television. If her sitcom's batteries threaten to run down (which is not very often) all she had to do is flash her perfect white teeth and the electricity is immediately restored. As her fans will remember, DeGeneres plays a character called Ellen who is in her thirties, romantically unattached and runs a bookshop. In the new series she owns the bookshop but the rest is as before. The smile is needed more than ever when a doctor cousin turns up unexpectedly in the middle of an earthquake (we are in Los Angeles, by the way) and the said quake reduces the bookstore to rubble. Ellen's friends try to help, in an unhelpful sort of way, but the smile remains, even if the teeth start to become a little clenched.

Inside Story: Stalking the Stalkers BBC1. 9_30pm

While Britain still has no laws against stalking, in California it has been a criminal offence since 1990 and carries a prison sentence of up to four years. The Los Angeles Police Department has a special unit assigned to stalking and the film is a record of its work. In the entertainment capital of America the stars tend to be a target, and a sit-com actress tells how a stalker finally forced her to move home. But most stalking lover (usually male) who will not let go. The most striking case is of a woman who has been stalked for 19 years. And you have to say that the law has not done much to help her. A prison sentence and a court order have failed to shake off her harasser, who continues to watch her every move from an apartment across the street.

BBC2, 9.40pm

Here are men behaving very badly indeed. Stage work by Lloyd Newson and his DV8
Physical Theatre, promises to be the most
controversial part of the BBC2 season of
contemporary British dance. The postwatershed scheduling is deliberate. The piece is danced, acred, sung and spoken by an eight-man company and takes place mainly in a pub. It is about the worst forms of male excess, drinking, fighting and a loutish camaraderie that waves two fingers to the rest of society. Particularly shocking is the abuse and mutilation of a woman, and the fact that she is only an inflatable doll does not make it any better. And yet Enter Achilles has style, and not a little wit, and it has been fluently transcribed by its Dutch director, Clara van Gool. Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (1333765) 9.25 The Real Ghostbusters (r) (6605562) 9.50 Hope and Gloria (7171456) 10.20

(9556369) 10.30 FILM: Between Two Brothers (1982) with Michael Brandon and Pat Harrington.

Drama tollowing the lives of two brothers. Directed by Robert M Lewis (86165727) 12.20pm HTV News (Teletext) (2389659) 12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (9893036)

12.55 Shortland Street (s) (9878727) 1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (5021833) 2.00 Home and Away Teletext) (s) (61761272) 2.25 FILM: The Outside Woman (1989) with

Sharon Gless. A woman arranges for a Directed by Lou Antonio. Part two can be seen tomorrow (7961901)

3.20 News (Teletext) (9382920)

3.25 HTV News (Teletext) (9381291) 3.30 Alphabet Castle (3563388) 3.40 Wizadora (1228814) 3.50 Adventures of Mumfle (3567104) 4.05 Garfield and Friends (7446611) 4.15 Hurricanes (5860727) 4.40 Are You Afraid of the Dark? (2443920)

5.10 A Country Practice (s) (7642291) 5.40 News (Telebt) and weather (517098) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (328104) 6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (593307)

7.00 The Midas Touch: Party Time. Last is the series of this gameshow (Teletext) (s)



Alec is entertained (7.30pm)

7,30 Coronation Street. Alec Gilroy auditions music-hall turns in his living room (Teletext) (307) 8.00 Survival Special: Mountain Gorillas — a Shattered Kingdom (8340)

9.00 Menendez: a Killing in Beverly Hills. Second part of the dramatisation of the trial of the Menendez brothers. Continues after the news (Teletext) (8104)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) (99388) 10.30 HTV News (611920)

10.40 Menendez: a Killing in Beverly Hills. Conclusion of the mini-series (605272) 11.25 FILM: In the Best Interest of the Child (1990) with Meg Tilly, Michele Greene and Michael O'Keele. A woman risks her life to protect her daughter from her violent and sexually abusive former husband. Directed by David Greene

1.10 God's Gift (4459499) 2.15 Cyber Cafe (82741) 2.45 Dear Nick (950654) 3.45 Bushell on the Box (s) (r) (87296) 4.15 Sound Bites (36780960) 4.30 The Time...the Place (r) (s) (12963) 5.00 Cover Story (r) (s) (97166) 5,30 Morning News (82147)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.25pm-7.00 Wates Tonight (593307)

WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except: 10.30am Lady Boss (86165727) 12.55pm Coronation Street (9378727) 1,25-1,55 Cross Wits (61621388)

1.55 Home and Away (92915456) 2.25 Brief Encounters Ruth Langsford joins 200 cubs and scouts at Temperrow. takes in a tea dance in Penzance, and goes on salari in the jungle setting of Lamorna (61771659)

2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (7442765) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7642291) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (34949)

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2.50-3.20 Women Talking (9560562) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7642291) 6.25-7.00 Central News (593307) 11.25 Phoenix (130543)

12.25am Bushell on the Box (9031321) 12.55 God's Gift (6577418)

1.25 Jobfinder (7073963) 2.00 Dear Nick (2121963) 2.55 in Focus (57807857) 5.20 Asian Eye (1283470)

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2.50-3.20 Serve You Right (9560562) 5.10 Home and Away (7642291) 5.37-5.40 Three Minutes - Freescreen

6.00 Meridian Tonight (543) 6.30 Animal Country (123) 7.00-7.30 24 Hours (1340) 5.00am Freescreen (97166)

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CHANNEL 4

6.35am Sharky and George (r) (8403494) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (29104)

9.00 FiLM: Head Over Heels in Love (1937. Flemying: A romantic musical directed by Sonnie Hale (52497)

10.30 FILM: Weekend in Havana (1941) staming Alice Faye. Cesar Romero, Carmen Miranda and John Payne. A musical directed by Walter Lang (80712) 12.00 House to House. Political magazine

12,30pm On the Road to the Islands (Teletext) (s) (17272) 1.00 Sesame Street (r) (2973765) 1.55 Augusta's Kiss (s) (86845098) 2.05 Desperately Seeking Something (r) (Teletext) (s) (79461920)

2.35 FILM: The Horn Blows at Midnight (1945, b/w). A comedy-lantasy with Jack Benny Directed by Raoul Walsh. (Teletext) (9247017) text) (9247017)

4.00 Backdate (Teletext) (s) (956) 4.30 Countdown (Teletext) (s) (920) 5.00 Ricki Lake (Teletext) (s) (5732036) 5.45 Terrytoons (ollowed by Murun Buchstansangur (882814)

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7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (611562) 7.55 The Slot (954123) 8.00 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (8630) 8.30 Absolutely Animals. Featuring a heated debate about the annual culling of 8,000



The earth moves for Ellen (9.00pm)

9.00 Ellen. American sit-com (Teletext) (s) (8475)

9.30 Dressing for Breakfast. A six-part comedy about a single woman who would like to meet, if not Mr Right, then Mr Reasonably OK (r) (Teletext) (s) (37036) 10.00 American Gothic. Four strangers set up a protection racket (Teletext) (s) (9833)

11,00 The Naked Truth. American sit-com starring Tea Leoni. (Teletext) (s) (3920) 11.30 Robert Altman — Giggle and Give in. A look at the work of the Hollywood firm-

12.35 FILM: Three Women (1977) with Shelley Duvall, Sissy Spacek and Janica Rule. A Bergmanesque drama about the lives of two workers in an old folks' home. Directed by Robert Altman (51178654) 2.50am Cheerleaders. A profile of the

Scottish Claymores' American football team's cheerleaders (r) (s) (6183019) 3.00 Chima Doll. The progress of Carmen Pang in a Miss Chinatown competition (r) (s) (33197760)

3.15 Beach, A look at the motorised monsters that are paraded on the seafront (r) (s) (48129302). Ends at 3.30

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News on the hour.
6.00am Sunnse (7389611) 9.30 Sky Destinations (11140) 10.30 ABC Migridine (23669 1.30pm CBS News This Morring (82814) 2.30 Parkament Live (87069) 3.30 Parkament Live (7036) 5.00 Live at Five (63746) 6.30 Toroight with Adam Boutton (95017) 7.30 Sportsine (60574) 8.30 Newsmaker (492494) 11.30 CBS News Newsmaker (492494) 11.30 CBS News (60746) 12.30am ABC World News (34296) 1.30 Tonight with Adam Boulton Replay (7392) 2.30 Newsmaker (76586) 3.30 Parlament Replay (73031) 4.30 CBS News (98012) 5.30 ABC World News (24147)

SKY MOVIES 8.00em Knights of the Round Table (1953) (30773) 8.00 Anne of Green Gables (1934) (27272) 10.00 The Gent of Gables (1934) (27272) 10.00 The Glent of Transfer Mountain (1990) (71494) 12.00 1, 2 Way West (1987) (40123) 2.00pm (1987) (40123) 2.00pm (1983) (6291) 6.00 The Glent of Thundar Mountain (1990) (51814) 7.30 El News Week in Review (6122) 8.00 A Vow to Kill (1994) (91272) 10.00 Bad Girts (1994) (403524) 11.40 Indecent Behavior il (1994) (1905) 11.50 Indecent Behavior il (1994) (1905) (1 (1994) (991508) 1.15em Fürling (1990) (718708) 2.55 New Eden (1994) (763789) 425-6.00 Black Gold (1963) SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 A Ferewell to Arms (1957) (403475) 2.30pm Woman of the Year (1942) (22543) 4.30 Return of the Bad Men (1948) (13104) 6.00 St Louis Blues (1958) (7389) 8.00 Piznes, Trains and Automobiles (1988) (73814) 10.00 Co-nan the Barbarian (1982) (34448730) 12.15am Darling (1985) (50521505) 2.20 A Lesson in Love (1954) (995741) 4.00-5.30 Return of the Bad Men (1948) THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6:00am Inhumanoids: The Movie (1966) (24104) 7.30 Mysterious teland (1975) (74681) 8.30 Swallows and Amazons (1974) (20543) 10.00 Where the Rod Fern Grows (1974) (79036) 12.00 Dishonored (1931) (48765) 2.00pm Much Ade About Nothing (1993) (34553) 4.00 Swallows and Amazons (1974) (4833) 6.00 Midnight Run for Your Life (1994) (94369) 8.00 Fresked (1993) (99814) 10.00 Killing Zoe (1994) (977524) 11.45 American Heart (1993) (746901) 1.40am To Protect and Serve (1992) (247835) 3.15-6.00 Killightiders (1981) (90219654) THE DISNEY CHANNEL

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7.00em Rebel Sports (96814) 7.30 World Wresling Federation — Manie (60017) 8.30 Racing News (13017) 8.00 Aerobics Oz Style (14299) 9.30 Steff Salling: UK Sorles (41388) 10.00 Asian Footbal Snow (96843) 11.00 Sunday Lasgue Cricker (91359) 12.00 Aerobics Oz Style (17833) 12.30 pm Pro-Beach Soccer (36559) 1.30 101 Pre-miership Goela (37388 2.30 Asian Football Snow (25272) 3.30 The 1995 Open Official Film (75678) 4.30 Mcx Out (2271) 5.00 World Wresting Federation — Superstans (4475) 6.00 Sky Sports Centre (815340) 6.05 The Pavilion End (697825) 7.00 The Winning Post Binghton and Doncaster — Live (16678) 9.00 Pro-Beach Soccer (51678) 10.00 Sky Sports Centre (747036) 10.15 Skiff Salling, UK Sores (744458) 10.45 The Pavilion End (142369) 11.45 Insude the PGA Tour (732611) 12.15em Max. Inside the PGA Tour (732611) 12.15em Max Out (108079) 12.45 Pro-Beach Soccer (150892) 1.45 Skift Sailing (196234) 2.15-2.30 Sports Centre (6698128)

SKY SPORTS GOLD 10.00pm Golden Gloves USa with Barry Mcguigan (3670765) 11.00-1.00em Sky's Top 20 Garnes 1995/96 (8193494)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL 4.00am Thought for the Day 4.05 Worship 4,00em Thought for the bay 4,00 must be 4,15 Ketz TV 4,30 Cutting Edge of Destiny 5,00 Voice of Vetory 5,30 Christian Music TV 5,45 Hill Song 6,15 This is Your Day 8,45-7,00 Good Morning Europe SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (3105630) 7.55 As the World Turns (4993088) 8.50 Payton Place (9484982) 9.20 Days of Our Lives (9061272) 10.10-11.00 Another World SKY TRAVEL 11.00am Boomerang (4244794) 11.30 Dive Programmes (3894253) 12.00 California's Gold (6065982) 12.30pm Floyd on Oz (6538291) 1.00 Gataway (6178814) 1.30

Julie Delpy and Eric Stoltz in Killing Zoe (Movie Channel, 10.90pm)

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4.00pm The Greet Days of Our Century (6244974) 5.00 Hollywood (2573456) 6.00-7.00 Biography Mary Tyler Moore (6513982) THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

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American to vary strategy according to conditions in Open driving test

Daly displays defence evidence

You needed only to see the

way that Daly manufactured a

pitch-and-run shot from near

the 1st tee of the Old Course to the 18th green last year to

realise that, beneath Daly's

thatch of corn-coloured hair.

lurks a man with a golfing

brain and a dextrous pair of

hands. Which leaves only his

No less a putting wizard

than Ben Crenshaw was re-

cently moved to remark to

Daly during a practice round

at the US Open: "You know, you and I and Phil Mickelson

have similar putting styles." Daly was surprised and

"Ben said we both have long

backswings and use pretty

much the same putters and

that, when you have a long

backswing, you tend to decelerate through the ball," Daly

said. "He said I was taking it

back too quick. Now I love the

as Daly concluded a practice

round yesterday was an un-usual one. It was into his face

instead of being at his back on the front nine. "In the normal

wind here," Nick Faldo said.

"you are playing the back nine into a left-to-right wind and it

is very demanding. You have

to make your score on the first

12 holes and then hang on to

Faldo heard the news of his

starting time tomorrow -

7.33am — without batting an

evelid and despite the fact that

he will probably have to get up

at 5.30am. By happy coinci-

dence, he was at Lytham's links at 7.30am yesterday,

getting ready for his second practice over a course on

which he feels completely at

home, since it was where he

won the English Amateur

Championship in 1975 and defeated Tom Watson in the

singles of the 1977 Ryder Cup.

Duncan, the caddie who had on Monday, an activity known

as roasting by caddies, hoping

to find a player for whom to

bag," Duncan reported with a

smile on his face. "He's an

American who plays a lot in

Japan. He's a straight-down-

the-middle sort of bloke and. I

hope, a straight-down-the-fair-

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way sort of golfer."

"I've got Todd Hamilton's

No less happy was Lorne

The wind that was blowing

way I'm putting."

THE intriguing thought that John Daly could win the Open Championship again and become the first man since Tom Watson in 1983 to defend his title successfully began to surface vesterday as another glorious summer's day drew slowly to a close at Royal Lytham and St Annes. Stranger things have happened by far than that the man who won his first major championship as an alcoholic and his second as a tectotaller should add a third this week.

Conventional wisdom has it that Daly, on his first visit to this part of Lancashire, should scarcely have a chance in the 125th Open because his driving is not accurate on a course where a fair share of the 185 bunkers are deliberately positioned to catch errant strokes from the tee.

It is felt, furthermore, that Daly has neither the patience to cope with, nor sufficient knowledge of, the intricacies that make the course such a forbidding test, particularly in the prevailing northwest wind. Never mind that history weighs against him, because it is the one Open course where an American professional has not yet won the Champion-

While it is true that Daly's driving is prodigiously long and he reached the 542-yard Ilth yesterday with a drive and a pitching wedge - it is not always as inaccurate as legend would have us believe. It is nothing like as wild as Severiano Ballesteros's here in 1979, for example.

Peter Oosterhuis, who finished second to Gary Player in the 1974 Open at this course, points out that two of the venues on which Daly has won tournaments in the United States have very little room for manoeuvre from the tee. "The BC Open is played on a very tight course," Oosterhuis said. "The Atlanta Country

Whereas, at St Andrews last year, Daly usually knew each day what club he would use from each tee, this year, after only two practice rounds, he has realised that it will vary from day to day depending on

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 Grind (teeth angrily) (5)

Exact copy (7)

13 Seaman (7)

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I Very drastic (remedy) (4,2.4)

7 Involve (one) in conflict (7) 8 Centre of iris; student (5)

17 Massacrer of Innocents (5)

18 Busy; already in use (7)

22 In the distant past (4,3)

23 Portable timepiece (10)

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Spanish warship (7)

11 The non-ordained (5)

15 Home of Odysseus (6)

12 Fleet of 10s (6)

21 Of the kidneys (5)

Taking counsel from Greg Rita. his esteemed caddie, who worked for Curtis Strange when the Open was last held here. Daly will vary the clubs that he uses from the tees between his much-talkedabout zero-iron, which has a loft of ten degrees, and his

Ballesteros made a persua-



THE OPEN

In The Times tomorrow: a 24-page colour guide to the Open Championship

sive case earlier in the week that the secret of his success over the 6,892-yard course in 1979 and 1988 was because of his short game. "The greens are small and everyone is going to miss a lot of greens," Ballesteros said. "With the crosswinds, chipping and putting is always going to be



Faldo: early start

Daly's tee shots were the focus of attention as he practised at Royal Lytham and St Annes yesterday

Francis turns to Furlong in search for a star

By Russell Kempson

BIRMINGHAM City foot-ball supporters braced them-selves yesterday, safe in the knowledge that Trevor Francis, the club's new manager, was about to announce his fourth, and most speciacular, summer signing. It was an open secret that he had been talking to John-Pierre Papin, the Bayern Munich and France striker, and St Andrew's was abuzz with expectation.

Mike Newell, of Blackburn Rovers, and Jan Aage Fjortoft, of Middlesbrough, had also been mentioned on the Midlands grapevine. The wait was becoming excrutia-ting. "Who is it?" demanded an agitated Blues follower, who had camped in the club car park to get the news at first hand. "I have heard it's Mark Hughes, Is that right?" Not quite ... but close. Minutes later, Francis unwrapped his latest present: Paul Furlong, Hughes's erstscorer of four goals last

Furlong, 27, had been signed for £1.5 million, a record for the Nationwide Football League first division club, but £800,000 less than when he moved from Watford to Stamford Bridge in 1994. The arrival of Hughes a year ago and, more significantly. Rund Gullit's recent acquisition of Gianluca Vialli, had effectively terminated his career in West London.

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For Francis, harsh economics finally killed off the prospective Papin deal. Having already bought Steve Bruce. Gary Ablett and Barry Horne. and consequently broken the club's wage structure, he -had little left of his £2 million

A public appeal for funds to help finance the Papin project fell on deaf ears. "I think I strous," Francis said. "Papin's wages were colossal. Right up with the big boys in the Premiership. I suppose it is like sending a list to Father Christmas. You never get everything you want."

Furlong, he stressed, was by no means bottom of his list. He said: "He can score goals, is very hard working and is a team player, the type the fans can relate to". Cheaper, too.

City takeover, page 44

Australian sprinter faces ban from Games after positive test FROM JOHN GOODBODY IN ATLANTA

gation was under way. David Prince, the AA president, said:

until proven guilty."

TWO leading international track and field athletes face being banned from the Olympics for positive drugs tests only three days before the Games begin here on Friday. Iran, meanwhile, has dropped two members of its judo team and a weightlifter from its squad for the Games after they tested positive for unspec-ified banned substances. As the controversy contin-

ues over the allegations, on the BBC Panorama programme, that 75 per cent of the track and field athletes competing here will have taken performance enhancing substances. an Australian sprinter and an Italian high jumper were pro-testing their innocence.

The high resolution mass spectrometer, which has been installed here for the Games. is expected to catch the largest number of cheating competitors since 1988, when ten people, including Ben John-son, the Canadian sprinter, tested positive. However, Dean Capobianco, a sprinter from Australia, and Antonella Bevilacqua, a high jumper from Italy, tested positive at pre-Games meetings in

Europe. Capobianco. 26. who was lifth at the 1993 world championships over 200 metres, has stanozolol, the same anabolic steroid that Johnson took in Seoul, when he was stripped of his 100 metres title.

Capobianco, said: "I've certainly lost a lot of sleep over it since I was notified on June 25, although I know I am totally

Athletics Australia (AA), the country's governing body for the sport, said that an investi-

Reya, the lawyers used by Diane Modahl, when he "We believe he is innocent launches his appeal.

Capobianco said of the alleged positive finding: "It is a big hurdle to overcome, being accused of taking a substance I have never ever taken in my life. In the meantime, I'm continuing to prepare to com-

pete at the Games." He is one of Australia's most eligible sporting bachelors. He posed naked for the Black and White magazine, an Olympic special issue in Australia, and featured on the front cover stretched out on the salt pans in Western

Capobianco faces a possible ban of four years if he cannot satisfy an inquiry that will be chaired by Bob Ellicott, the former Attorney General, and will be using Mishcon der

package containing the drink did not list ephedrine as one of its contents. An Italian magis-The case of Bevilacqua is trate agreed with the case put by the national athletics federation (Fidal) that the doping was unintentional.

Although the International

Amateur Athletic Federation

(IAAF) is insisting that she

will still be allowed to compete

at the Games. The Interna-

tional Olympic Committee has altered article five in its dop-

ing regulations, which allows

countries to be lenient on athletes who are found to have

taken the substance in error.

ly to the unsubstantiated claims of Dr Mike Turner, a

member of its medical com-

mittee, that 75 per cent of athletes at the Games are

drug-takers. Dick Palmer, the

BOA general secretary, said that the BOA dissociates itself

from these allegations. "There

is no evidence to support this,"

The British Athletic Federa-

tion yesterday backed away from taking out an injunction against the programme because it was satisfied that

*Panorama m*ade clear that

British competitors under-went the most rigorous series

In Iran. Abrar, a daily

Abbas Abdi and Mohammad Reza Tolouei, the judo fighters, and Shaheen Nassirnia, a

weightlifter, were dropped from the squad sent to Atlanta

after they tested positive. Two

Greco-Roman wrestlers were expelled from the team in

April for similar violations.

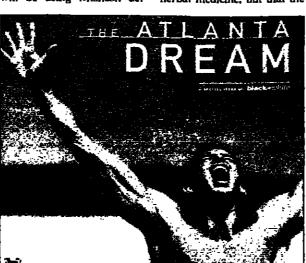
The British Olympic Association (BOA) has reacted quick-

more complex. She tested positive for ephedrine, the stimu-lant used by Diago Maradona at the 1994 World Cup, at a meeting in Milan on May 4 ban, Fidal is hoping that she

Going for gold Simon Barnes Graf withdraws

and also at the Italian national championships on May 26. Small amounts of ephedrine occur in cold remedies and, as it is only a mild stimulant, use of the substance carries only a three-month ban.

Bevilacqua, who was sixth at the 1993 world championships, says that she had used a herbal medicine, but that the



Should Capobianco's positive drugs test be confirmed. he will face a rude awakening from his Atlanta dream

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